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History being rewritten, says Clarke

Thatcher stirs ministers to fight back

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Conservatives rounded on Baroness Thatcher last night after she attacked John Major's leadership and accused the Government of dodging important decisions.

Kenneth Clarke led the counter-offensive, accusing the former Prime Minister of rewriting history and pointing out that many of the Government's problems had arisen from her administration. Others privately described Lady Thatcher as "an irrelevance", "out of touch" and "suffering the effects of sour grapes".

The Prime Minister was reported to have been infuriated by his predecessor's barely disguised personal attacks on him. One colleague described him as "not best pleased", adding that he felt she had gone too far in her sniping for her remarks to be ignored.

Lady Thatcher's criticisms appear in the second volume of her memoirs, *The Path to Power*, which is to be serialised in *The Sunday Times* from next week. Yesterday the paper reported that she wants dramatic changes in domestic and foreign policy, but the main subject of her onslaught is the Prime Minister's approach to Europe.

She claims that Mr Major's policy of putting Britain "at the heart of Europe" led directly to the worst recession for fifty years, and declares that Britain must be prepared to fight its corner by "pursuing every measure of obstruction and disruption open to us". Her radical agenda "to put things right" includes a fight to regain power for Westminster, a rejection of the Maastricht Treaty and a total break with all moves towards political union within the EU.



Thatcher: obstruction wanted in Europe

Mr Clarke fiercely rejected her criticisms yesterday, saying that decisions made during her time in Downing Street had caused many of the problems that had dogged Mr Major's premiership.

The Chancellor told the BBC's *On The Record* programme: "The origins of the recession, which happened in every other Western country, came when we got monetary policy wrong. We carried on relaxing in the late 1980s when we had a very successful growing economy. They relaxed it for too long and . . . we had boom followed by bust.

"It was during Margaret's time in government that it happened. I am not going to start attacking Margaret's Government, I served all the way through it and it was a damn good Government.

"If Margaret was in office now she would be complaining about people reminiscing and slightly rewriting what happened a few years ago, wanting us to look forward."

Other senior Conservatives said that Lady Thatcher was in danger of emulating Sir Edward Heath by attacking her successor.

The ferocity of the reaction indicated fears that Lady Thatcher's remarks could lead to further unrest among backbenchers, many of whom are already annoyed that they may have to declare their outside earnings as a result of the Nolan committee investigation set up by Mr Major.

Labour gleefully seized on the divisions yesterday, claiming that Lady Thatcher's comments reflected the growing disenchantment with Mr Major's leadership. It said the intensity of the counter-attack "shows clearly that the party is consumed by panic".

Labour also pointed to Lady Thatcher's statement that it was "for others to take the action required" as being reminiscent of Lord Howe's prophetic words before her downfall in 1990. When he resigned as Foreign Secretary, he told the Commons: "The time has come for others to consider their response to the tragic conflict of loyalty with which I have myself wrestled for perhaps too long."

Lady Thatcher's friends insisted, however, that she was calling for a change of policy rather than a change of leadership. They also said that she had not intended to cause offence, and had been surprised at the backlash.

In her book, Lady Thatcher says that she did not want to undermine her successor, adding: "I had faced sufficient difficulties with Ted Heath not to wish to inflict similar ones."

But Tristan Garel-Jones, the former Europe minister who is a close friend of Mr Major, suggested that she had failed. "Ted, at least, was, and remains an MP, so he does have some democratic platform from which to put his views, unhelpful though they were to her," he said. "I think she should draw lessons from that."

Mr Garel-Jones also pointed out that many of the problems she saw with Brussels power were enshrined in the Single European Act, which she steered through Parliament. Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, vice-chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, also said that Lady Thatcher was responsible for handing over a number of key powers to Brussels, adding: "She has got out of touch since she left office."

Eurosceptic MPs, however, supported her. Bill Cash said: "What she is saying is true. She must talk out because the stakes are so high."

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LAURENT REBOURS/AP



Emma Thompson, star of the film *Carrington*, with co-star Jonathan Pryce, right, and director Christopher Hampton in Cannes yesterday

Film-makers cast Dorrell as the villain

FROM DALYA ALBERGE IN CANNES

STEPHEN DORRELL, the Heritage Secretary who recently found himself unable to remember the last film he had seen, was yesterday trying to prove his interest in cinema by spending a day at the Cannes Film Festival.

But once again the script did not go as planned. As he was whisked from one meeting to another like some heavyweight Hollywood mogul, mingling with the movers and shakers of the industry, two of Britain's leading film-makers launched a vicious attack on his apparent lack of interest in the cinema.

Christopher Hampton, the writer and director of *Carrington*, a film about Dora Carrington, *femme fatale* of the Bloomsbury Group, said: "Perhaps if the Heritage Secretary went a little more often to the cinema, he would see that it has some merits." He added that "the Government could hardly have done less if they had made cinema illegal in Britain".

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John McGrath, the producer of *Carrington*, added: "The minister should either provide a consistent film policy or get rid of his Government. Either will do."

Mr Dorrell was due to attend the film's premiere last night. He was also expected to be introduced to the film-makers before going off to a party. There is speculation that Mr Dorrell will replace Virginia Bottomley as Health Secretary in an reshuffle, but the Heritage Secretary insisted that he expected to "see the job through".

He is unlikely to get the support being enjoyed by his opposite number in France. More than 50 actors and film-makers have petitioned Jacques Chirac, the new President, to keep Jacques Toubon on as Arts Minister. Seemingly undeterred by the day's events, but responding to earlier criticisms, Mr Dorrell insisted that he had rediscovered a love of film that he had as a young man.

But minutes later he had made another *faux pas*. Referring to Jeanne Moreau, the French actress who has been described as an incarnation of French femininity and who heads this year's Cannes festival jury, he said: "The jury is headed by a distinguished Frenchman."

The trip comes as Mr Dorrell prepares to publish on June 6 his response to the film industry report by a parliamentary select committee. He said yesterday that he intends to set out a "clear view of where government can help" but would not elaborate.



Dorrell: gaffe-prone

Blair breaks with past on inflation

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR will today make a decisive break with Labour's past by pledging that the war against inflation will be the central aim of his economic policy in government.

In a radical shift from his party's traditional economic thinking, which regarded rising prices as an acceptable trade off for higher growth and more employment, the Labour leader will warn his party that it faces a "long haul" to put the economy right and that it should expect no swift solutions.

He will tell it that it should not anticipate the sort of short term dash for growth that characterised Labour and Tory governments in the 1970s and 1980s. "New Labour means being tough on inflation," he will tell a City audience.

In a speech which Mr Blair regards as his most important since he became leader last July — even on a par with his conference address on Clause Four last autumn — the Labour leader will say that economic courage and economic credibility are the two key tests that the party must pass.

Mr Blair believes that getting Labour to ditch the old Clause Four and its ancient commitment to public ownership was the most important party reform he could have carried through. But he sees the toughness of its economic approach and the discipline it shows in pushing it through as the deciding factor in the success of a Labour government.

His message in the annual Mais lecture at the City University, London, will be seen as

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Girl, 14, found strangled and dumped in woodland

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A SCHOOLGIRL was sexually assaulted, beaten and then strangled as she travelled home after meeting a friend.

The semi-clothed body of Janet Swanson, 14, was found by walkers dumped in a woodland a few hundred yards from the bus stop where she was last seen less than three hours before. Last night a youth aged 15 was being questioned by detectives.

Det Supt Malcolm Mawson, leading the inquiry, said that it seemed that Janet had been killed "on the spur of the moment".

The teenager died three weeks after her mother, Hazel, placed her into temporary local authority care because of domestic problems at their home in Killingbeck, Leeds. Mrs Swanson and her husband, Andrew, who are separated, were both said to be devastated. The girl was last seen alive at 4.40 pm on Saturday at a bus stop on the Killingbeck retail park, less than quarter of a mile from her mother's home.



Janet Swanson: killed after visit to friend

Detectives said she was returning to her social services accommodation in the city's Stanningley area after seeing a friend living in a children's home in Killingbeck. Mr Mawson said the teenager, who had two brothers and a sister, was a "quiet, likeable and attractive young girl".

Girls at the home where Janet was living were said to be very upset by her death. Mike Evans, the Leeds assistant director of social services said: "It is an awful tragedy and everyone is absolutely devastated."

He said youngsters at the home were free to come and go as they please.

Mr Evans said staff were concerned that she had not returned for her evening meal and were on the verge of raising the alarm when news of her killing came through.

Police are to check whether sticks and stones at the murder were used as weapons.

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Pro-women putsch plotted at universities club

BY BEN PRESTON

A CLUBLAND putsch is being plotted against the old guard of the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club in a renewed attempt to secure equal treatment for women.

Campaigners for change are mobilising the 3,000 members for a showdown at the club's annual general meeting on June 12. They are seeking to oust opponents from the committee and push through rule changes to allow a fresh ballot on full membership for women.

The challenge reflects frustration at the club's continued resistance to change after clashes with the two universities whose names and coats of arms it bears. All but four of the 73 heads of Oxbridge colleges announced their resignations en masse from the club in London's Pall Mall in February. They condemned as offensive rules that forbid women full membership and use of the library and members' bar. The new front has been opened by five long-standing members, including Sir Patrick Nairne, former Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security and former Master of St Catherine's College, Oxford, and Sir Geoffrey Chipperfield, former Permanent Secretary at the Department of Energy.

In a letter to members, they say that recent events have caused serious disquiet at the club and have led to many resignations, with implications for the club's finances. The campaigners argue that the root of the problems was the "undemocratic outcome" of a postal vote in 1993 when 48 per cent of members eligible to vote supported women's membership and only 14.9 per cent voted against. That was not sufficient to bring bout change, however, because the club rules had been changed shortly before to require an absolute majority of all those eligible to vote if changes were to be made.

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Morris accuses TGWU challenger of 'lust for power'

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CONTENDERS for the top job in the Transport and General Workers' Union clashed openly yesterday as Bill Morris accused his challenger of having "a lust for power".

In a marked heightening of hostilities in the battle for the general secretaryship of the TGWU, which is the Labour Party's biggest union affiliate, Mr Morris said that if his rival, Jack Dromey, — husband of the Shadow Employment Secretary — were elected, the union's policies would "carved up over the dinner table".

Close supporters of Tony Blair, the Labour leader, are making clear that they would prefer to see Mr Dromey, who is currently the TGWU's national secretary, win the contest, but Mr Morris argues that to do so would in effect hand the union over to modernisers in the Labour Party.

In reply, Mr Dromey, who argued against Mr Morris that TGWU members should have been balloted when the union unsuccessfully opposed Mr Blair's changing of the party's Clause 4, charges that Mr Morris is threatening Labour's chances of victory in the general election by constantly fighting Mr Blair on key issues.

The two men clashed publicly yesterday when they were both interviewed on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*. Their row had hitherto been confined to attacks in speeches and press briefings.

Internal union branch nominations currently suggest a 3-2 win for Mr Morris in the postal ballot for the leadership.

Mr Morris said Mr Dromey was a "defeated" candidate who "has run out of ideas, has run out of supporters and now he has run out of loyalty". In suggesting the TGWU was damaging Labour, Mr Dromey was dragging the union's name through the mud, he claimed.

He said he could not see how Mr Dromey and his wife Harriet Harman could carry out their jobs, especially concerning a minimum wage, if Mr Dromey were elected as TGWU leader. In line with the Labour leadership's policy, Ms Harman is advocating that the level of a minumum wage should not be set before the next general election. In line with TGWU policy, Mr Dromey yesterday declared himself firmly in support of a minimum wage level of £4 an hour.

Mr Morris said of the TGWU battle: "The election is about leadership. It's about experience. It's about loyalty. And it's about trust. I have got all those. My opponent has not."

Responding to Mr Morris, Mr Dromey said: "I regret the attack upon Harriet." The difference between Mr Morris and himself, he said, was that he wanted to spend his time attacking the Conservatives rather than the Labour Party.

He told Sir David Frost: "What I don't want to do is for the union always to be seen in the public arena battling with Tony Blair, because frankly, our members do not understand that."

Mr Morris, he said, was no longer in touch with ordinary shop-floor members of the TGWU, who were sending an "unmistakeable" message from union members for change. He said: "They are desperate for change. They are desperate for the union to recover and they are desperate for a Labour government."

Blair steals Tory thunder

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an overt attempt to steal the Conservative thunder on inflation, regarded by most ministers and MPs as the abiding policy success of the Thatcher and Major years. He will promise that Labour will not return to the "crude use" of the demand management and fiscal policies that were a feature of past Labour governments.

The words are bound to upset the Left, which is intent on forcing spending pledges from Mr Blair and his front bench team. But they will clearly be intended to reassure pensioners and others on low incomes that a Blair-led government would not lead to rising prices. They are also intended to warn City voices, murmering that a Labour government might relax the stranglehold on inflation, that they are playing with a "dangerous fantasy". He will tell the City audience: "There will be no quick fix solutions such as devaluation or short term races for growth which led to the boom and bust policies of the past."

Mr Blair will set out the following key planks of policy:

☐ Low inflation to be the essential pre-condition for a permanent improvement in the growth rate.

☐ Levels of tax and spending as a share of gross domestic product no longer to be seen as the indicators of how well a government is performing. The overall performance of the economy will determine decisions on tax and spending.

☐ A responsibility not just to deregulate markets but to take active measures to boost employment and equality in the labour force. Under Labour, education and training will be "economic imperatives".

The Labour leader's aides said yesterday that he wanted his speech to be subjected to the most rigorous possible judgment by the City, business, economists and the general public. The "new economics" he will outline today would be the governing principles for the next Labour government.

TIM OCKENDEN



Sir Jerry surrounded by journalists at Heathrow

Speaker may let Wiggin off with apology to House

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE mounting backlog of investigations into MPs' conduct could spare Sir Jerry Wiggin a full inquiry into allegations that he broke Commons rules by using the name of a fellow MP to table an amendment to a Bill in which he had a financial interest.

He has been summoned to meet Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, today and it became clear last night that Miss Boothroyd, with the backlog in mind, may not recommend an investigation, which could lead to disciplinary action, and may settle for an apology from the Tory MP for Weston-super-Mare.

The Speaker will announce her decision to the Commons today and anything less than a formal inquiry will be seized on by Labour MPs as a let-off. Sir Jerry, who flew into Heathrow on Saturday after a Parliamentary visit to South Africa, declined to discuss the issue at his home.

Miss Boothroyd's decision will coincide with Labour MPs pressing for a clear sign from the Government that it will not hold up implementation of the Nolan Committee's recommendations on MPs' conduct. After the Prime Minister said at the weekend that he agreed with the "broad thrust" of the Nolan report, Labour will demand further assurances that a Commons committee set up to consider the proposals will not kill them off.

Mr Major responded to Tony Blair's threat that Labour would not co-operate with the committee unless it was made clear that its intention was to find ways of implementing Nolan's plans by issuing a statement from his Huntingdon home insisting that the committee would go ahead with or without Labour support.

Labour will decide today whether to force a Commons vote on Wednesday on the Nolan report. Party figures said the decision would depend on whether they received adequate assurances today, probably from Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons.

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Clarke attacks Labour over 'copycat' policy

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

KENNETH CLARKE attacked Labour yesterday for presenting policies that were indistinguishable from the Government's.

Speaking before Tony Blair delivers a speech on Labour economic policies today, the Chancellor claimed that the Opposition lacked any original thinking and had been forced into mimicking government ideas. "It sounds as though Tony Blair is going to be Bambi pretending to be the Monarch of the Glen."

In an interview with BBC's *On The Record*, Mr Clarke also lambasted the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown. "I must be the first Chancellor who has a Shadow Chancellor who is not criticising what I am doing. Gordon Brown's problem is he thinks what I am doing is working."

"He knows it is working, he knows he could not do any better. He knows I have not persuaded the public of this yet, but he believes over the next two years that this could get very worrying indeed."

Mr Clarke complained that Mr Brown refused to comment on any government policies, even the controvery over interest-rate rises, because his line was identical. "He is no longer opposing me. All he can do is produce impenetrable prose.

"Public spending — he has no target for that. Taxation — he has no proposals whatsoever. There isn't an economic policy, it's just a lot of guys who realise that tax, borrow and spend failed every time Labour's been in office."

Despite Labour claims of a split, Mr Clarke said that he and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, were united on the need to drive down inflation. He predicted that price rises could be pegged to less than 2 per cent by 1997.

"I think the Ken and Eddie show has got a good track record, and Ken and Eddie are not only agreed on the policy objective — on sustained recovery with low inflation — but we deliver it very consistently," he said. "We must not go back to the days of high taxation and that, throughout all the sort of synthetic verbiage, is where I believe the Labour Party would take us."

Baker gives campers shelter from storm

KENNETH BAKER came to the aid of two campers whose tent had blown down during storms on a Scottish island yesterday.

The former Home Secretary invited the pair, one of whom was a freelance BBC radio presenter, into a moorland lodge where he was waiting for another member of his party: John Birt, Director-General of the BBC.

Innes Munro, 24, a Gaelic radio presenter, and Ian Macleod, 22, a fish processor, had been camping for two days in the hills of Harris, in the Western Isles, when the weather closed in. Mr Munro said: "We were trying to make our way back to the road. It was hard going and Ian was pretty near exhaustion by that time. Suddenly we saw this Union Jack flying from this cottage-type building. Then this man came out towards us and asked us if we were all right. I did think he was vaguely familiar."

Mr Baker gave them beer and shelter. Mr Munro said: "This nice woman said: 'We're waiting for my husband, John. You may have heard of him at the BBC — he's the Director-General.'"

Mr Baker's party was at the lodge to celebrate a friend's sixtieth birthday. Mrs Birt said that her husband would be interested to meet a BBC presenter in the Hebridean hills, but the pair had recovered sufficiently to leave before he arrived.

Mr Munro said later: "He is the big boss at the Beeb, after all. I hadn't even shaved."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Murdoch condemns 'elitist' Channel 4

Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of the News Corporation, owner of *The Times*, last night called Channel 4 an unaccountable station whose output ranged from elitism to pornography. He told BBC2's *Money Programme* that Channel 4 should be privatised. "It's just a loose cannon which doesn't have to pay dividends or do anything to anybody."

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Clinton plea

President Clinton has called on the Government to establish all-party talks on Northern Ireland at the "earliest possible opportunity".

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Tombstone death

A girl aged 7 died in a cemetery in Liverpool yesterday when a gravestone fell on her. Two men tried to lift it off and the fire brigade was called. She died in hospital.

Shore to retire

The senior backbencher Peter Shore, 71, a former Labour Cabinet minister, is to stand down at the next election to make way for "a younger person".

Hurley's verdict

The actress Elizabeth Hurley has lambasted Hollywood in a magazine interview. "I thought 70 per cent of the people I met were idiots," she told *Woman's Own*.

Lottery winners

No one won the lottery jackpot of £9.4 million, which will roll over until next week when the top prize could be £17 million, Camelot said.

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Engineering results

A list of the newly-qualified chartered, incorporated engineers and engineering technicians will appear in tomorrow's edition of *The Times*.

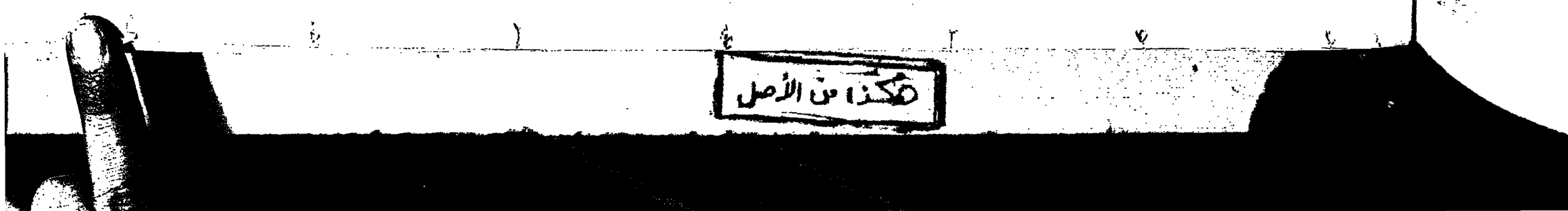
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Mother's appeal begins as village unites in support of 'Brockenhurst Two'

Children of jailed pair told they are on holiday

By Bill Frost

THE three boys separated from their parents after a judge jailed the couple for lying over a minor motoring offence have been told by relatives that their mother and father are on holiday.

Lawyers representing Patricia Whitehead, who is in Holloway jail after being imprisoned for perverting the course of justice, will today begin an appeal against sentence in the hope of reuniting her with her three young sons.

To the anger and surprise of penal reform groups, Mrs Whitehead, 34, was imprisoned for two months after she admitted lying to police about the accident. Her husband David, 47, was sentenced to four months having also admitted perverting the course of justice.

Mr Whitehead's parents, Archie, 75, and Lavinia, 74, are looking after the couple's sons — Ian, 9, Christian, 7, and Alexander, 5, at Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

Lavinia Whitehead said yesterday that her "weeping" son had telephoned her from Winchester Prison after the sentence and said: "Don't worry about me. Just make sure that Patti and our lovely boys are all right." She said that her grandchildren did not know that their parents were in jail. "They are innocent little children and that's the way we want to keep it," she said.


Kennedy: sentence criticised

Mrs Whitehead said her son and daughter-in-law were "bearing up" and being well treated. "They are upset at what has happened, but they are happy so many people are working hard for them." An action aimed at winning freedom for Mr Whitehead, currently in Winchester jail, is thought to be imminent.

Mrs Whitehead falsely claimed she was behind the wheel when the family car was in collision with a motorcycle. Winchester Crown Court was told last Friday. In fact, her husband was driving.

The computer programmer feared he faced a driving ban under the totting-up procedure and asked his wife and father to say that she had been behind the wheel. However, a week after making the false claim, they confessed the truth to police investigating the minor accident.

The couple, from Brockenhurst, Hampshire, who had no previous convictions, were both in tears as they were jailed by Mr Justice Kennedy at Winchester Crown Court last Friday. The judge had earlier heard how there would be no one to look after the Whiteheads' children if they were sent to prison.

Lavinia Whitehead said: "David and Patti are upstanding members of their community. They had never been in a court before and were terrified about even appearing.

"They knew they had done wrong and would be punished, but they were anticipating a fine or community service."

Mrs Whitehead said her American-born daughter-in-law had been "very subdued and unhappy" when she telephoned from Holloway. "She was just devastated — her boys are her world and she has been torn away from them for something so stupid.

"She kept asking about the children. I don't think she can comprehend what she is doing in a prison.

"We have told the boys that they are just having a weekend away with their grandparents and that their mother and father are on holiday. If they knew where their mummy and daddy were it would break their hearts."

Prayers were said yesterday for the Whiteheads at their parish church, St Saviour's in Brockenhurst, where Mr Whitehead is a Sunday School teacher. The Rev David Brewster said: "The whole village has come together over this. They have almost become the Brockenhurst Two. I do not condone what they did, but the sentence was out of all proportion to the offence. Everybody in Brockenhurst is stunned."

Peter Way, headmaster of Brockenhurst Primary School, said: "I cannot believe that something like this has happened to a family like the Whiteheads. It seems extraordinary that children can be deprived of their home, school, friends and parents."

Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, chairman of the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, told BBC Radio 4's *The World this Weekend* that any attempt to pervert the course of justice was an extremely serious offence. "It's a matter of policy that, particularly in an age in which people no longer believe in divine retribution, if you tell a lie the pure stream of justice should remain unsullied. Therefore there has to be a sanction and the sanction has to be prison."


Mrs Whitehead, centre, and her husband, left, with friends from Brockenhurst

Woman injured by stray bullet

By A Staff Reporter

ONE of three people wounded in a fresh outbreak of shootings in Merseyside was a woman hit by a stray bullet as she looked for a taxi, police said yesterday. She and a 25-year-old man were both wounded when six shots were fired in the centre of Liverpool at 3.25am.

They were not together and it seems unlikely that the 21-year-old woman was the gunman's target. A police spokesman said that the woman, who was thought to have been shot in the head, was looking for a taxi after a night out with friends. Her present condition was not known.

The man was hit by five bullets and has wounds to his arms, legs and stomach. He underwent surgery yesterday. The spokesman said that the identities of both victims were not being released and the hospitals where they were taken were not being named.

The double shooting came seven hours after Paul Forster, 22, from Liverpool, was shot in Ryedale Close in the city's Toxteth area in an incident not thought to be connected. He was understand to have a stomach wound from a single shotgun blast. His condition was serious but stable.

Police said that the shooting of Mr Forster was not thought to be linked to last month's murder of David Ungi, which was followed by a series of further violent incidents.

Postcode places street at top of the crime list

By Kathryn Knight

A STREET five miles from the centre of Birmingham has won the dubious accolade of being declared the most crime-ridden in Britain. Cuthbert Road, a row of 25 modern semi-detached houses in Winson Green, was singled out by a grading system devised by the insurance company Prospero Direct.

A street in Aberdeen was said to be the most crime-free, a title likely to lead to insurance premiums as much as £1,000 less for its residents than those living at the other end of the scale.

Prospero has instituted a system that estimates the risk of household burglary and damage by using the first six digits of postcodes. Previous surveys have used only the first four and have been unable to go into detail as fine as street-by-street analysis.

Using the new system, which is being studied by other insurance companies, Prospero would quote a premium of £1,025 for Cuthbert Street dwellers, and around £48 for residents of Newburgh Road, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen.

Using four postcode digits, the cost to Cuthbertians would be between £220 and £500. Yesterday, they said they were not surprised at their new title.

Standing in front of his house, which is festooned with burglar alarms and bolts, one owner who declined to be named, said: "Youngsters are always tearing up and down in cars and the police are always down here. Last night they drove a car straight into the telegraph pole opposite my house."

Lily Watkins, a 69-year-old widow who is disabled and uses a wheelchair, has lived in the road for 16 years but is waiting to move. "I'm not surprised to hear it's the worst street in Britain. It's terrifying to lie awake and listen to the music, shouting and cars screaming up and down. I was robbed about 14 years ago while I was upstairs in bed."

Another resident said that she had been burgled three times in as many years.

Detective Inspector David Collins of West Midlands Police said he could not comment on a specific street but was not surprised at the area. "It is an inner-city area and as such crime rates are high, but there are lots of areas similar to it around Birmingham. It would seem that in terms of crimes reported the street would have a high rating."

On Newburgh Road, part of a pleasant Aberdeen estate of white two-story detached houses, residents expressed surprise that their street had been pinpointed as the safest.

Jane Rodger, 44, a mother of two, said that all the residents looked out for each other. "There is quite a community spirit about the place and if anybody saw anything suspicious they would remark on it and do something about it. Friends watch other peoples' houses when they go away on holiday and that sort of thing."

Canvasser prevents woman's suicide

By Helen Johnstone

A TELEPHONE canvasser saved the life of a woman who was trying to commit suicide when she rang. Louise Price kept the woman talking for 20 minutes while a colleague called an ambulance.

Mrs Price had phoned to ask if the household bought the local evening paper. The woman said that she did not and was in fact trying to kill herself. The woman, from Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, told Mrs Price she had already taken a mixture of pills and alcohol.

Mrs Price kept her talking as she passd her name and address to her supervisor, who called an ambulance. Mrs Price, who works for the *Coventry Evening Telegraph*, kept the woman for a further 20 minutes until the ambulance arrived.

Mrs Price said: "My first thought was 'Why me?' Then I just rambled on to keep her talking. She told me that she had taken tablets and was also drinking and started talking about her problems.

"She could barely talk for crying and I was terrified of saying the wrong thing. Twenty minutes is a long time but she was doing more talking than me. I just listened.

"Then suddenly I heard her talking to an ambulanceman. She came back to the phone and said: 'I've got to go'." The woman was released from hospital after treatment.

Kasparov savours revenge over 'greedy' computer

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

- GARRY KASPAROV, the world chess champion and highest-rated player of all time, has gained his revenge over a chess computer that beat him last year. Kasparov said afterwards that he had "restored the honour of the human race".
- The Pentium Genius program, devised by the Bournemouth-based British computer expert Richard Lang, defeated Kasparov in a tournament in London in August 1994. Since Kasparov's humiliation, Mr Lang has sought to cement his success by upgrading his program to calculate faster and more efficiently. It can now analyse six million different positions per minute.
- On Saturday Kasparov faced two games in Cologne before a live television audience of millions. He had been uncharacteristically nervous in the run-up to the contest: in a tournament in Amsterdam last week, he had unusually lost games to two younger players, Joel Lautier of France and Jeroen Piket of The Netherlands, who normally would be considered well below his class. He failed to win first prize and recorded his worst tournament performance since becoming world champion in 1985.


Kasparov: nerves

Casting caution to the wind, Kasparov abandoned the safety-first strategy which would be conventional against a relentless program designed to eradicate all tactical errors. He sacrificed pawn after pawn to blast a direct path towards the computer's king.

Eventually the Pentium Genius wilted under the human onslaught. The computer became so paralysed that it had to counter-sacrifice most of its main pieces — queen, rook and bishop — to gain a modicum of breathing space.

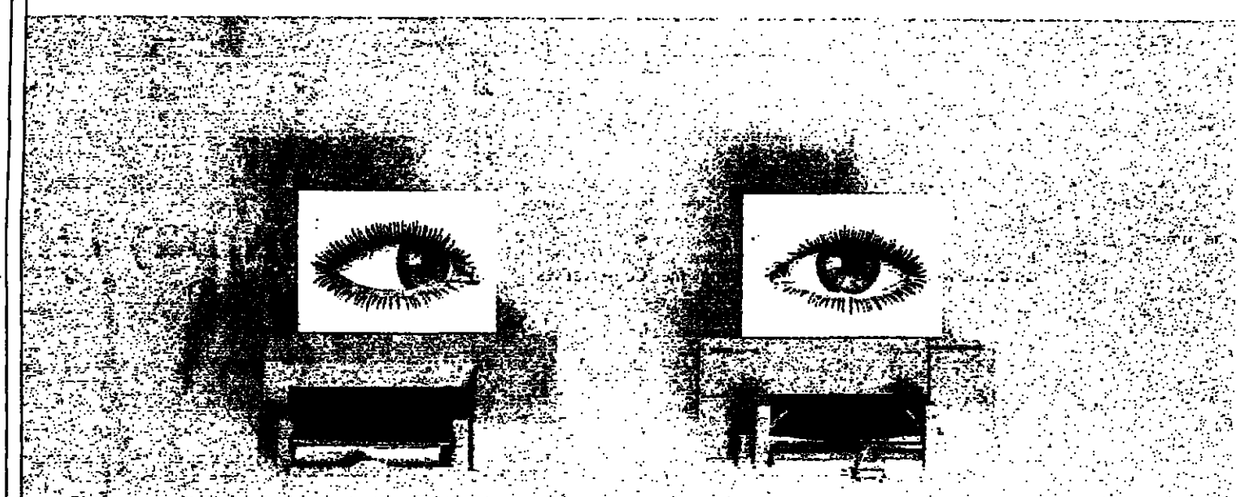
Then on move 39 it finally capitulated. What let the machine down was its overwhelming greed. By snatching so many pawns, its own defences had been left open.

Having established a 1-0 lead, Kasparov played with extreme caution to draw the second game in 52 moves. The score of 1½ points to ½ exactly reversed the result of last year.

Kasparov said later: "The day when computers will regularly beat human champions is still a long way off."

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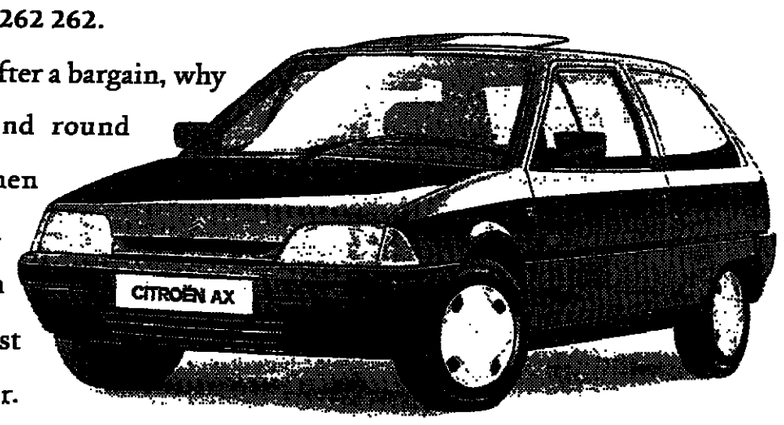
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Chelsea Flower Show

Garden ornaments provide thieves with easy pickings

BY JOHN YOUNG AND GEORGE PLUMPTRE

A BRONZE statue of three cherubs supporting a flower bowl at the Chelsea Flower Show is a reminder of the growing incidence of garden theft. The 3ft statue, valued at £10,000, was recovered by police in a raid in southeast London earlier this month.

When the show opens tomorrow it will be on display on the Metropolitan Police stand, where it is secured by an alarm against further predators, with a notice inviting the rightful owner to reclaim it. Other owners of garden statues are advised to concrete them into the ground and protect them with alarm systems or closed-circuit television.



The stolen cherubs

An array of helpful hints includes securing lawnmowers by using "anchors" embedded in the ground, bolting window boxes to the wall and setting large flower pots in concrete. The use of trellis at the top of a fence will make it difficult to climb, and the addition of a thorny climbing rose may persuade garden thieves to go elsewhere.

PC Peter Waine, a crime prevention officer at Harrow, northwest London, said yesterday that garden robbers would stop at nothing: even lawns were rolled up and stolen wholesale.

PC Waine first approached the Royal Horticultural Society about a police stand five years ago, when he was based in Chelsea. At that time a survey showed that about one in 20 domestic gardens had been burgled within the previous two years; the figure has since risen to one in seven.

"I suppose it was born out of frustration," he said. "Chelsea police had been patrolling the show for years and I thought it was time we had our own stand. I am very pleased with the response we have had."

Would-be burglars might show a more than passing interest in a pair of lightweight flexible gardening boots from Japan, on display at the Honda Tea Garden. The boot is said to be far more comfortable than the conventional Wellington and to give an excellent grip when climbing trees or walls.

The garden is being used to promote the charity Action Research, which funds preventive medicine and has played a leading part in the development of ultrasound scans in pregnancy, vaccines against polio and German measles and the design and fitting of artificial hips.

Eoin Redahan, of Action Research, said the idea of a Japanese garden was to reduce stress and thereby help to prevent illness. There was a natural link between a peaceful garden and good health.

Julian Dowle has been helped with the garden by the Japanese designer Koji Ninomiya. The combination of carefully positioned rocks and gravel, foliage plants and water, as well as the elegant tea house and bonsai specimens, is immensely skilful.

The garden also illustrates how Japanese gardens have always been places of ceremony and symbolism, as well as natural beauty, a theme that could be well adapted to make our own gardens places of peace.

War, as well as peace, is recalled in the re-creation of a wartime "dig for victory" garden by the Imperial War Museum to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Complete with Anderson shelter, the garden has been used to grow the vegetables recommended at the time to safeguard the nation's health.

Another notable anniversary will be commemorated at the show, held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, its home since 1913. To mark its hundredth birthday, the National Trust is launching a new rose, named after its founder, Dame Octavia Hill.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Thumper, 18, with one of his offspring, at the Abbotsbury Swannery, Dorset

Anglers troubled by increasing swan population

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

AN UPSURGE in the swan population on the rivers of lowland Britain is delighting ornithologists but causing problems for fishermen and farmers.

There are thought to be about 27,000 swans, the highest number for many decades. Until quite recently they were in serious decline in many parts of central and southern England.

The turnround can be dated to the banning in 1987 of the lead pellets used by coarse anglers to weight their baits. Swans were being poisoned by pellets that they picked up from riverbeds along with the grit they need to help their digestion.

Though the swans' recovery is generally a cause for celebration, anglers say that in favoured habitats such as trout streams where lead weights were never much used and swan numbers did not decline, the birds are stripping rivers of weed essential for the survival of fish. Farmers complain that the birds are feeding on spring pasture, fouling winter grazing with their droppings and trampling crops.

Earlier this month, three commercial trout fisheries on the River Wylye in Wiltshire, one of England's finest chalk streams, applied to the Ministry of Agriculture for licences to shoot swans, the first time such a request has be made.

There is no chance that the ministry will allow swans to be shot, not least because of the public outcry that would ensue. But other control measures less likely to attract attention, such as the removal of eggs from the birds' nests, are being discussed.

Graham Lightfoot, regional fisheries and conservation officer for the National Rivers Authority at Blandford, Dorset, says studies on the Wylye have shown that at the height of the summer swans can eat up to 90 per cent of water crowfoot and other aquatic weeds. "The weeds provide cover for trout and a habitat for the insects on which the fish feed," he said. "They also keep the water level high. If the level drops, the trout tend to keep together in the middle of the stream where the water is deepest, which makes for less good fishing."

For farmers the main problem is keeping the web-footed intruders off high-quality grass, especially in the spring when river weed growth is still low, according to David Stone, an agricultural scientist who has monitored swans on the Hampshire Avon for nearly 20 years.

"In March and April they spend a lot of time grazing on river banks," he said. "The birds are not daft. They head unerringly for the best improved grazing — the grass that has been expensively fertilised by the farmer to provide an early silage cut."

Genealogists are told to put their house in order

BY EDWARD GORMAN

A LEADING genealogist has called on the profession to bring in tough rules to protect the public from unscrupulous operators and amateurs.

Every year thousands of people try to trace their family trees through genealogists but few realise that most have no formal qualifications, are not answerable to a national governing body and can charge what they like. Cecil Humphery-Smith, principal of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, in Canterbury, said: "There are so many people being taken for a ride, whether deliberately or otherwise, that the time has come to protect the public.

"There has been a degree of dishonesty over the years which needs to be controlled. The profession would have greater integrity if the public knew it was answerable to a governing body." He cites dishonest practitioners who charge exorbitant fees, sell the same research twice while passing both off as original, or mislead clients as to the amount of searching required to track down information available in the local library.

There are about 20 full-time professional genealogists in the country, with a further 1,000 who charge for occasional work. Another 15,000 take an amateur interest. Genealogists charge between £100 and £600 to trace a family tree — still the most common request.

However, they may charge much more for the growing range more technical work they do, for example sorting out claims to titles, settling wills or helping with medical research into families with a history of disease. Mr Humphery-Smith says that makes it all the more important that genealogists are governed by a proper professional body.

His comments have not been well received by the Association of Genealogists and Record Agents, set up as an informal group of well-intentioned genealogists in 1968. It has more than 100 members and its own code of practice and entry qualifications.

Beryl Crawley, chairman of the association, argues that it has gradually improved its standards and denies that it is not up to the job of adequately representing the profession. "There is always room for improvement and we are developing, but it takes time," she said. She conceded, however, that the lack of a defining qualification standard would have to be addressed sooner or later.

Taylor to support reform of sentencing

BY FRANCES GIBB

THE Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, is to press for an end to secrecy over the fixing of the length of a mandatory life sentence for murder. He is expected to back an amendment to the Criminal Appeals Bill, during its forthcoming committee stage in the Lords, ending the system, opposed by judges, under which they secretly say how long a murderer should serve.

Judges fill out a confidential form recommending the minimum period they think a murderer should serve to fulfil the requirements of retribution and deterrence. The trial judge passes these recommendations to the Lord Chief Justice, who in turn, makes his own, and passes them in confidence to the Home Secretary.

Although prisoners are told of the recommendation, the Court of Appeal has held that they have no right of appeal against the trial judge's recommendation because it is not an order of the court and is not defined as a sentence.

Lord Taylor is understood to favour a change so that judges would hear argument in open court and then state their recommendation publicly. Prisoners would have a right of appeal. The Home Secretary would retain the right to fix the final sentence.

Warm welcome and protests await Prince on Dublin visit

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE British Embassy in Dublin has been inundated with requests to meet the Prince of Wales next week when he becomes the most senior member of the Royal Family to visit the Republic since partition in 1921. One woman member of the Irish Parliament has even asked if she can dance with him.

As Ireland prepares for a trip that would have been unthinkable before the IRA ceasefire, politicians from across the political spectrum are hailing the visit as an example of growing warmth in Anglo-Irish relations.

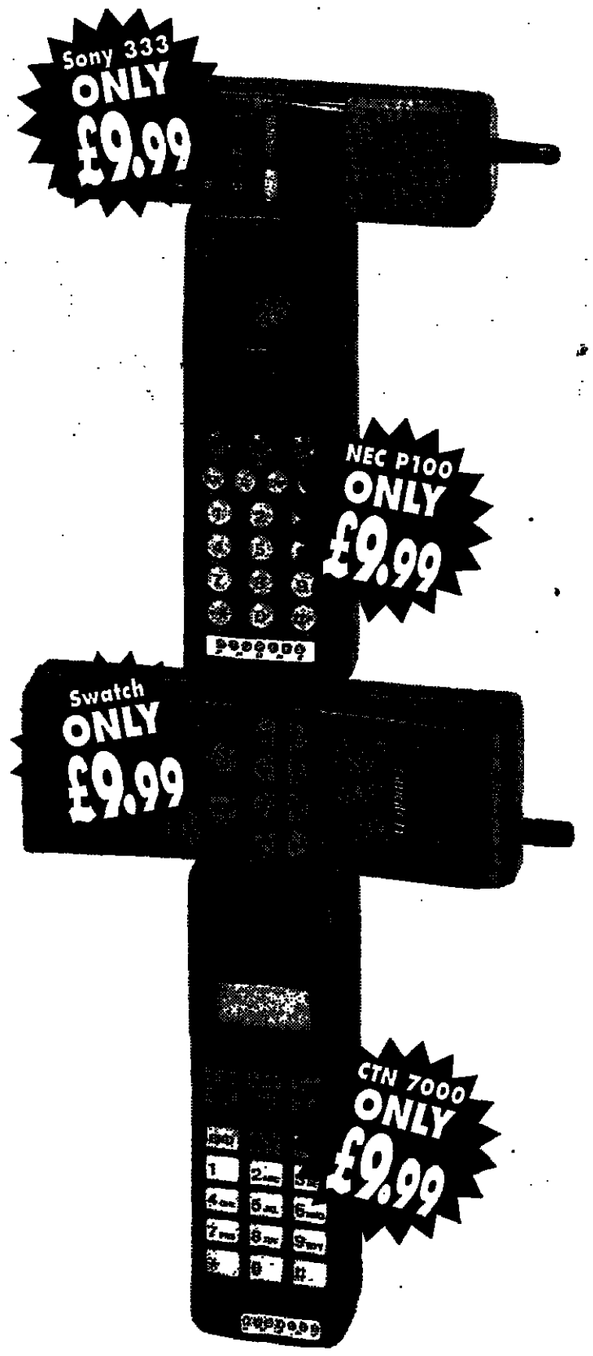
However, the scars of Northern Ireland's Troubles will be highlighted during the trip by a hardened core of republicans who will mount a demonstration to coincide with the Prince's arrival in Dublin. The protesters are running an "anti-Para Prince" campaign: he is Colonel-in-Chief of the Parachute Regiment which shot dead 13 people in Londonderry on Bloody Sunday in January 1972.

Details of the Prince's visit, which will fulfil one of his cherished ambitions, have not been disclosed for security reasons. However, it is understood that John Bruton, the Taoiseach, will host a banquet in his honour in Dublin. He will also meet President Robinson and carry out a number of engagements in Dublin.

One Irish official said: "This visit is highly perceptive and is loaded with symbolism. It would not have been possible a year ago for security and political reasons."

The widespread welcome in the Republic for the trip is underlined by the warm reception from Fianna Fail, which is the strongest republican party in the Irish Parliament. Eamon O Cuiv, a Fianna Fail deputy for Galway West and the grandson of Eamon de Valera, told the BBC: "The hope always was that an independent Ireland could be good friends with its nearest neighbour, Britain. I would think that it is a good thing that we have reached the stage that a member of the British Royal Family can visit here and be well received."

Sinn Fein and other republicans have launched a group, known as Dublin Against the Royal Tour, to make sure that memories of the Troubles are never far away during the visit. Des Bonass, a trade union official, said: "This is not an anti-British campaign. It's against what Prince Charles represents."



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Whale-watching eco-tourists put mammals at risk

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE boom in whale and dolphin-watching holidays is leading to some species abandoning their young and others becoming dangerously stressed by boatloads of noisy tourists. Researchers meeting at the International Whaling Commission in Dublin this week believe the time has come to introduce strict codes of conduct to protect marine mammals from eco-tourism.

Animal welfare workers and environmentalists have argued that whale and dolphin watching offer benign and economic alternatives to communities historically dependent on killing whales for meat and blubber. However, a report submitted to the commission and part-funded by the International Fund for Animal Welfare indicates that uncontrolled growth may be as deadly as the harpoon or the grenade gun.

Whale-watching cruises are increasingly popular, including those in Britain, where boatloads of visitors track whales off the West Coast in the summer. In future, captains could be required to operate only during the day, avoid chasing whales and abandon loud music. The scientists also believe that feeding whales and dolphins may have to be banned.

Dr Sidney Holt, a member of the commission's scientific committee, said yesterday: "In some places like New Zealand there are tough rules but in other places there are none at all ... the Canary Islands is a terrible situation." He likened that to the unregulated tourism that once operated in Africa's big game reserves. "It is like a thousand Volkswagen buses round a pride of lions. It clearly is not good."

Dr Holt said even in places where codes of conduct operated there was concern because rules were not based on science or animal health requirements. "In Australia you find different rules from one place to another. In some places you can go 20 yards from a humpback, somewhere else it is 50 yards. It is entirely arbitrary. We really need some good science to back up some good rules."

There is powerful evidence on the impact of tourism from Western Australia, where tourists at one site regularly feed dolphins by hand. Studies indicate that the migration of dolphins has changed and their enthusiasm to forage naturally for food has diminished. The death rate among young dolphins has climbed and scientists suspect they are no longer being trained to look for food. At the same time, the mothers are too busy taking food from visitors to protect their young.

The report says, however: "The juvenile mortality rate could be linked to a number of other reasons. Feeding male dolphins allows them more time to harass the females, leaving them less time to care and train their young."

At Glacier Bay, Alaska, humpback whales under stress have been seen to change breathing patterns dramatically, the changes being linked directly to the speed, distance and size of tourist ships. The commission is expected to debate a code of conduct on Thursday.

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Humpback off Alaska: tourists put them under stress

Sea clean-up fails to cut oil slicks

BY NICK NUTTALL

THOUSANDS of tonnes of deadly chemicals are continuing to pour into the North Sea despite a ten-year clean-up operation aimed at protecting sea birds, marine mammals and fish stocks.

An official report by the nine nations bordering the sea shows that measures to limit discharges of 36 hazardous toxins, including heavy metals, have failed. Oil slicks continue to plague the region despite the use of aircraft to police deliberate spills.

Environmentalists demanded yesterday that aircraft be abandonded in favour of port inspections where pollution officers could check oil wastes on board ships to see if these tallied with previous port inpsections.

John Maggs, of Seas at Risk, a group monitoring progress to clean the sea, said yesterday: "A decade of using aerial surveillance has failed to reduce the number of slicks. This really is a scandal."

Daniel Owen, marine policy officer at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said yesterday that in 1993 British enforcement planes identified 62 slicks. But only two could be linked to vessels and the evidence was almost impossible to use for prosecutions.

The progress report's findings, the full details of which will be published next week, will increase pressure on ministers meeting in Denmark in June to take tougher action to protect the North Sea. But the meeting is likely to be overshadowed by disputes between Britain and Denmark over the dumping of obsolete oil rigs in the sea and the damage caused by Denmark's industrial fishery.



JEREMY YOUNG

Veronica Sutherland with her husband, Alex, who said that he would be Britain's "first male ambassadress"

Women remain the poor cousins in world of diplomatic relations

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than a quarter of Britain's diplomats are women but they remain almost invisible at ambassadorial level, a survey by *The Times* has revealed.

Only seven embassies or missions in the 183 countries where Britain has representation are headed by women, although women make up 27 per cent of the Diplomatic Service and 36 per cent of Foreign and Commonwealth Office civil servants. Most are in the lower grades.

The Foreign Office says it is shedding its traditional male image and points to the appointment of three women to senior posts in past weeks. The most recent, Maureen MacGlashan, 57, is to become ambassador to the Holy See. She follows Barbara Hay, 42, appointed in April as our woman in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and Veronica Sutherland, 56, the most senior of the seven, who last month became ambassador to Dublin. But despite a drive to recruit more women and the introduction of flexible working hours and help with childcare, it is likely to be some time before the appointment of a woman to one of the major ambassadorships in Washington or Moscow — although some have tipped Pauline Neville-Jones, 55, the Diplomatic Service's political director, to land one of these.

The problem is historical. In 1936, a government White Paper concluded that "the time had not arrived when women could be employed either in the Consular Service or in the Diplomatic Service with advantage to the state or with profit to women".

It was not until 1946, after a number of women had served in temporary posts with distinction during the Second World War, that women were recruited to the administrative grade. Before then they had served only was junior clerical officers.

Even then, women were limited to 10 per cent of the intake until 1964 and were required to resign on marriage, a provision not lifted until 1972. Anne Warburton became the first woman ambassador when she was appointed to Copenhagen in 1976. Before that Daphne Park had served as consul-general in Hanoi and then *chargé d'Affaires* in Ulan Bator in the early Seventies. Eleanor Emery was high commissioner in Botswana from 1973 to 1977.



MacGlashan: new ground

The first married woman ambassador did not come until 1987, when Veronica Sutherland became ambassador to the Ivory Coast. Mrs Sutherland joined the Foreign Office in 1965, a move she describes as "quite unusual" for a young woman.

"There was no overt discrimination but women were just treated differently," she said. Alex, her husband, was also in the diplomatic service but has since settled to become what he once proudly described as "the first male British ambassadress".

He recalls how one former ambassador's wife dispensed advice to other spouses of ambassadors: "Never, never, never should we leave the bedroom in the morning without having put on our make-up and our earrings." He is now member of the British Diplomatic Spouses' Association — an organisation which until three years ago called itself the Diplomatic Service Wives' Association.

Ayckbourn dream is realised by lottery

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A GRANT of £1.48 million from the National Lottery fund has ensured the completion of a project, led by the playwright Alan Ayckbourn, to build a theatre in the seaside town where all his works are premiered.

The cash automatically triggers another £495,000 of EC funding that will enable the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, to raise the curtain for the first time next year — nearly 12 months later than planned. Mr Ayckborn described the grant yesterday as "wonderful news".

In February he had to announce a delay in the conversion of the former Odeon cinema, a 1930s art deco building in the town centre. The trust controlling the £5.1 million scheme still needed £2 million to complete the second phase of a project that includes a main theatre-in-the-round, a seperate studio auditorium-cum-cinema, bars, a restaurant and exhibition space. They said they were pinning their hopes on an application for lottery funds and cash from Europe.

Mr Ayckbourn said: "It means we can now commence phase two of our scheme and that Scarborough will have its new theatre/cinema complex up and running by the middle of next year."

The complex is named after the late Stephen Joseph, the one-time drama fellow at Manchester University who pioneered British theatre-in-the-round. Mr Ayckbourn worked backstage with Mr Joseph's company when it first performed in a concert hall in Scarborough library in the 1950s. Since then, productions with the public on all sides have been a regular feature of drama in the town: they are currently staged in a converted secondary school.

Although Mr Ayckbourn went on to international success, his roots remain deep in Scarborough and he has long sought to perpetuate Stephen Joseph's memory.

Yesterday he described the project as "a 40-year dream", adding: "It is fitting that it should be named after Stephen Joseph, the man who inspired that dream."

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New cystic fibrosis gene trial

BY NIGEL HAWKES

A NEW trial of a revolutionary treatment for cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease and common cause of death and disability among young people, is to begin this week.

Four patients in Oxford and eight in Cambridge will be given the correct copy of the gene, surrounded by microscopic fatty particles that should carry the gene into the cells lining the nose.

In cystic fibrosis, the lungs become clogged with mucus, leading to frequent infections and often death before the age of 30. One in 2,000 children born to white parents has the disease, which is less prevalent in ethnic communities.

The first British gene therapy trial was carried out at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London. The evidence is that about 20 per cent of the defect could be corrected in some cells. The new trial will use the same techniques but for the first time will involve women.

The correct gene will be introduced into the noses of the volunteers because the tissues inside the nose are similar to those of the lung but more accessible. If successful, scientists hope to move on to trials on the lungs.

Young lawyer in desperate search to save her own life

BY CATHERINE MILTON

SUE HARRIS, a young lawyer from north London, spends her spare time campaigning for her life. At social events around the country she explains: "I am 32 years old and I've got leukaemia. You can help to save my life."

So far almost 10,000 people have responded to her need for a bone-marrow transplant by offering to have their blood screened. No one has yet matched her tissue type.

There are thousands of tissue types, and since tissue type is inherited, the chances of finding a match are higher if the donor has the same ethnic background as the recipient.

The only child of a Jewish family from eastern Europe, Miss Harris found there was a limited pool of registered donors likely to match when her leukaemia was diagnosed in December 1993; the British bone-marrow register carried details of just 40 Jewish donors with families from eastern Europe.

The Sue Harris Bone Marrow Campaign was soon set up to find a donor. It has persuaded 9,120 people to volunteer to be screened, so far without success.

Miss Harris, who has chronic myeloid leukaemia, is living a reasonably normal life at the moment but her condition could become acute at any time. She said: "That's the point when I would require hospitalisation and the disease gets aggressive and would almost certainly kill me over a period of months. But if people come forward now, I stand a very good chance of making a complete recovery."



Sue Harris: 2½-year effort

Laila Bhunnoo, of the campaign, said: "At the next screening, on June 11 [11am-1pm at Hendon Synagogue, Raleigh Close, London N4], we feel that Sue is likely to reach her ten-thousandth chance of a complete recovery."

Miss Harris was studying law when doctors told her that the searing pain in her side was her spleen rupturing and that she had leukaemia. After a number of treatments failed, she was told she would need a bone-marrow transplant.

Miss Harris contacted the Anthony Nolan Trust, the British bone-marrow register set up by the mother of the boy after whom it is named, which today holds details on 240,000 people willing to donate bone marrow. Backed by the trust, and her friends, Miss Harris decided to search for a donor and also build a database of Jewish donors.

The campaign is looking for Jewish people aged 18-40, who weigh more than eight stone, and are willing to have an analysis of their blood. Anyone who matches Miss Harris will have to undergo further medical tests. If the results are satisfactory, the donor would spend a few nights in hospital and could experience exhaustion for up to two weeks. The campaign covers loss of earnings and travel expenses incurred for the operation.

☐ For details of how to help, telephone 0800-717717.

Regular way to avoid peptic ulcers



MEDICAL BRIEFING

FIFTY years ago British soldiers moved to pity by the sight of the skeletal thinness of prisoners rescued from Belsen gave them chocolate from their emergency rations. This well-intentioned gesture killed several of the internees who had survived the brutality of their guards.

A rich meal served to a starving patient can induce acute peptic ulceration and serious gastrointestinal bleeding. The empty gut is very vulnerable.

Research published this month in the *European Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology* has analysed the causes of gastrointestinal bleeding in the over-60s in Rouen, France.

It was no surprise that non-aspirin anti-inflammatory drugs, which are frequently used to combat conditions as diverse as the arthritic aches and pains of old age to footballer's knee, headaches and painful periods, were a factor in all 120 cases examined.

What was unexpected was the effect of starvation on causing gastrointestinal bleeding. Patients who ate irregularly or had missed meals altogether were ten times more likely to suffer from a serious bleed than those who had a standard breakfast, lunch and supper at a similar time each day.

Taking the anti-inflammatory drugs before rather than after a meal made haemorrhage three times more likely. Lying down immediately after taking them was also found to be detrimental — the post-prandial kip must be avoided.

Although taking the tablets when meals had been missed was the most important cause of gastrointestinal bleeding, other factors were also significant. A previous history of peptic ulceration, recent weight loss, a period of emotional stress or excessive alcohol intake all increased the likelihood that a patient would suffer haemorrhage.

The harm caused by anti-inflammatory agents is not confined to the direct effect their dissolution has on the intestinal lining. There is also an indirect effect on the natural repair system of the gut, which rapidly restores any damage to the mucosal lining caused by scratches from swallowed food. The same biochemical action of the drugs that relieves the inflammation in the joints, also undermines the repair system.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

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Get your bloody hands off our whales, Norway!

ON MAY 2ND THIS YEAR, Norway began commercially killing minke whales. This was despite its own admission that the scientific "evidence" it uses to justify the slaughter, is wrong.

Next week the International Whaling Commission is meeting in Dublin and the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS), is determined to expose the Norwegian whalers for the fraudsters they are.

Can we count on your help to stop the Norwegian whalers getting away with murder? Murder of whales that may swim in UK waters too?

WHY NORWAY IS WRONG TO KILL WHALES

Norway has always had what it sees as "the perfect excuse" for continuing whaling. Scientific "evidence".

But now WDCS can reveal that this evidence is a sham.

We have a copy of a leaked letter, in which the Norwegians openly *admit that their estimate of 86,700* minke whales in north east Atlantic waters is hopelessly wrong. The excuse this time? Computer "error".

The true figure is more likely to be in the region of 53,000 minke whales - a difference of over 33,000 animals.

So why is Norway still whaling?

In a cynical move to get its quota of 301 minke whales in **before** it could be criticised by the International Whaling Commission, Norway brought its hunt forward a month, despite the fact that many whales would be in calf.

Indeed, pregnant females are likely to be the main targets as they yield more meat and are easier to catch because they are slower.

The Norwegian Government has since lowered the quota from 301 to 232 whales. However, in open defiance of their Government and of world opinion, the Norwegian whalers have rejected the new quota, declaring their intention to slaughter 301 whales.

Officials in Norway are now desperately trying to justify the present kill by quoting their own scientists as saying their botch up (the one their whalers are conveniently trying to ignore) only entails "small errors on the data programme".

But the agonising deaths of 301 minke whales can hardly be described as "small".

WE'RE DETERMINED TO STOP THESE MURDERERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

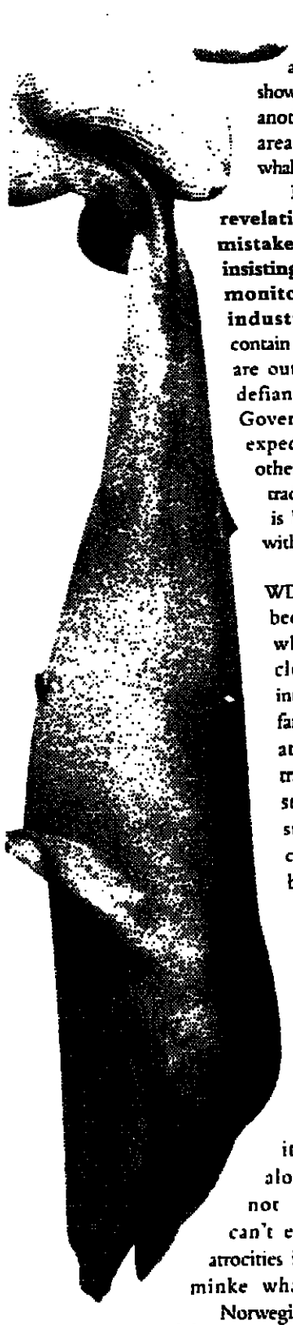
Here are some other Norwegian "facts" which might help to convince you.

Norway has always claimed a "traditional" right to hunt minke whales. But minke whaling on a commercial scale in north west Norway only began in the early 1930s – and even then that was in the face of years of opposition from their own fishermen.

Norway states its whaling is for domestic use only. So how do they explain that their own customs officials failed to notice 3.5 metric tonnes of whale meat labelled "Norwegian Prawns" being shipped out of Fornebu airport to the "Far East" in October 1993?

Norway decided to resume commercial whaling in 1993 for "scientific and fisheries management purposes". We believe the real reason, leaked to the Norwegian Telegram Agency by an official in the Prime Minister's office, was that it was a vote winner for the Government.

It seems rather too convenient that the Norwegian Government made the decision to resume whaling just one week after an opinion poll showed substantial support for another political party in an area of the country where whaling takes place.



Murder of the innocents: a whale foetus is held up for display before being tossed onto a pile of its mother's entrails

Despite the latest revelations about their mistakes, Norway is still insisting it can be trusted to monitor its own whaling industry. They can't even contain their own whalers, who are out whaling right now in defiance of the Norwegian Government. How can we expect them to control any other aspect of their bloody trade, let alone ensure that it is being run correctly and within the law?

For a long time now, WDCS, amongst others, has been calling for Norway's whaling activities to be closely monitored by international inspectors. So far, Norway has resisted all attempts for their sick trade to be opened up to such scrutiny. Hardly surprising when you consider what they've been getting away with!

LIES, LIES, AND YET MORE LIES

Norway has already proved that it is no respecter of international regulations on whaling. It simply makes up its own as it goes along. But then this is not surprising when it can't even be fined for the atrocities it is committing against minke whales right now. The Norwegian whalers can never be trusted again.

WILL YOU HELP US MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT?

SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE NORWAY

The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS) is the world's largest charity devoted solely to fighting for the protection of whales and dolphins. Set up in 1987, we expose and confront those responsible for the needless slaughter and suffering of these precious and beautiful animals.

We do this by:

- **Actively and vigorously campaigning** for an end to all commercial and scientific whaling.

Just last year, we helped convince the IWC to agree to the adoption of the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary, dealing a mortal blow to the Japanese whaling industry.

- **Remaining totally opposed** to the capture of whales and dolphins for display in marine parks and working tirelessly to bring an end to it.

WDCS is currently helping to fund the release of captive dolphins in Florida. Now we're set to help release the first ever orca - Keiko - star of the film Free Willy, back into his native waters.

- **Engaging public support for our campaigns** to stop the deliberate killing of cetaceans, including pilot whales in the Faroes and dolphins caught in tuna nets. The boycott we helped set up against Faroese fish, has so far cost that industry £12m in lost or unplaced orders.
- **Funding over 35 projects worldwide** to aid whales and dolphins at risk.

In 1994 alone, Canada's Harbour Porpoise Rescue Team - just one example of a successful project supported by WDCS, saved 41 porpoises and one minke whale, from agonising deaths in herring traps.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Looking at our many activities and achievements, you may think we have a lot of money. But unlike the whaling nations, we are not rich and we are not armed. But we do have one powerful weapon - more powerful even than the electric lances, exploding harpoons and flensing knives the whalers use to decimate whales.

WE HAVE PUBLIC OPINION ON OUR SIDE.

People in this country don't want the blood of whales on their conscience. Why should we stand by and let a small minority of people flout international regulations and continue to kill whales which don't even belong to them?

Minke whales swim in British waters too. Shouldn't the people of Britain then, also have a say in their future?

LET US SPEAK UP FOR THE WHALES

There's no time to lose! The serious talking at the International Whaling Commission meeting begins on the 29th May in Dublin and only lasts for one week which is why we need your support NOW. The Norwegians have already made it abundantly clear on many occasions that they intend to start whaling on a massive scale again.

That could mean as many as 2,000 whales being killed each year by Norway alone.

How long do you think it would take for other whaling nations like Japan to follow suit?

PLEASE SEND US AN IMMEDIATE, URGENT DONATION TODAY

We'll use your gift to campaign for a better deal for all whales and dolphins. At the IWC meeting we will confront the Norwegians and demand the following concessions from them for the sake of every whale still left alive.

1. **Norway must immediately stop slaughtering minke whales in the north east Atlantic.**
2. **Norway must fully admit in public that they got their figures wrong and should not be hunting minke whales right now.**
3. **Norway should be subject to an unlimited moratorium on all scientific and commercial whaling. (Ten years has been suggested – we demand a total and final ban for ever!)**

LET US KNOW YOU SUPPORT US

If you agree with all of the above, then we need to hear from you by Wednesday 31st May if we're to stop the Norwegians in their tracks.

The IWC won't meet for another year. How many whales do you think Norway will get away with killing in that time? This is our only chance. Don't let us miss it!



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Time to end myth of 'the faultless premiership'

Bruce Anderson, author of a biography of John Major, assesses the latest attack by Margaret Thatcher on her successor's policies and urges her to admit making the occasional mistake

It was never likely that Margaret Thatcher would settle down into the armchair of elder statesmanship. Baldwin assured his successor, Chamberlain, that he would neither spit on the deck nor interrupt the man on the bridge. But Lady Thatcher has little in common with Lord Baldwin. She owed much of her success as Prime Minister to political schizophrenia.

Throughout her years at No 10, she was one of her own Government's fiercest critics. By temperament more suited to opposition than to government, for 11½ years she managed to combine the roles. So it was inevitable that after losing her principal office, and thus deprived of an outlet for those restless, relentless energies, she should devote herself to the opposition role.

In yesterday's *Sunday Times* she says that she was determined not to behave like Ted Heath. This was wise. Sir Edward has one achievement to show for 20 years' self-indulgence in bile, spite and childishness: the ever-increasing damage to his own reputation. But Lady Thatcher should beware Sir Edward's failures go deeper than incompetence in public relations. It is not just the inability to come to terms with losing office that has undermined him; it is his failure to admit mistakes and to participate in an honest debate about his term in office. She is now displaying similar weaknesses.

Take Europe. Lady Thatcher tells us that: "The problem with John Major's ... approach was that although it initially won plaudits, it left the fundamental problems unresolved." From whom had he inherited these unresolved fundamental problems? From Margaret Thatcher. Throughout her 11½ years she never resolved the contradictions in her European policy: on the one hand, fierce anti-federalist rhetoric and frequent use of the handbag; on the other, regular, substantial concessions on substance.

It was she who signed the Single European Act — a far greater constitutional concession than Maastricht — and she who agreed the deal that consolidated the common agricultural policy. Charles Powell, her former foreign policy adviser, believes that she too would have agreed to a deal akin to Maastricht, had she been as successful in the negotiations as Mr Major was.

If the problems of Britain's relationship with Europe had been simple, Margaret Thatcher would have solved them well within 11½ years. They were not: she did not, and so Mr Major had to persevere where she had failed. By 1990 her approach had exhausted itself, so the new Prime Minister was right to revert to the more orthodox formula.

Certainly, this has involved concessions; so would any European policy compatible with continued British membership of the Community. Mrs Thatcher was prepared to pay a heavy price for the single market. At Maastricht, Mr Major paid a smaller price for enlargement. This was not a new departure. It was in a straight line of continuity with government policy since 1979, and Lady Thatcher's unwillingness to acknowledge this is unworthy of her.

But the greatest difficulty arises over inflation. If Margaret Thatcher stood for anything, it was counter-inflation, and it was her failure to deliver this most crucial objective that terminated her premiership. When John Major took over, the inflation rate was in double figures and rising. Four and a half years later it is more substantially under control than it has been for a generation. That is one respect in which his record is not just equal to hers, but far superior.

It is also something that Lady Thatcher and her supporters are unwilling to admit. They try to divert attention by a populist attack on the exchange-rate mechanism. This is doubly irrelevant. First, throughout the Thatcher premiership, Britain was committed to membership of the ERM. It mattered not that Mrs Thatcher expressed private reservations. She was never able to articulate a clear alternative strategy.

Second, by 1990, inside or outside the ERM, Britain would have had to take the most unpleasant interest-rate medicine: there was no other way to reduce inflation. John Major could have dealt with the Thatcher/Lawson inflation only by a tough interest-rate regime.

As for that regrettable lapse on inflation, Lady Thatcher and her acolytes have still not worked out her defence. If she was omnipotent and omniscient, as they sometimes claim, how could it have occurred?

If on the other hand it was all the fault of her ministers and officials, how is this to be reconciled with the myth of the faultless premiership? Margaret Thatcher was a great Prime Minister but she was not infallible. There were errors of omission and commission, some of them serious. She did not get to grips with Europe any more than she did with social policy, welfare, the size of the State, or Ireland. But she also left inflation in a mess.

On the other side of the balance sheet, she did break the trade unions and transformed the public debate about taxation. She also at least halted the growth of the State and, above all, she restored national pride. Those are splendid achievements but it would be easier to see them as such if she herself did not exaggerate their scope: if she were, indeed, prepared to admit the occasional mistake.

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TIM BISHOP

Autobiography sets radical European agenda

Thatcher urges Britain to veto political union

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER



Heath: critical of successor

LADY THATCHER'S second volume of her autobiography, *The Path To Power*, delivers a savage indictment of large areas of foreign and domestic policy. She uses the final chapter, "Beginning Again", to demand a radical agenda for Britain.

She calls for a fight to regain power for Westminster over European governing bodies: a rejection of the Maastricht Treaty; an immediate declaration of the independence of the pound; a total break with all moves towards political union; and the use of the veto to force other European Union countries to accept a Community in which Britain maintains an arms-length trading role.

She openly questions the Government's pledge to put Britain "at the heart of Europe" and says that John Major is following a European line she once derisively ascribed to Labour as "compromise, sweep it under the carpet, leave it for another day, in the hope that the people of Britain will not notice what is happening to them, how the powers have been gradually slipping away". The strategy has "not even" helped to unite a divided Conservative Party and was directly responsible for the worst recession in 50 years, she says.

She criticises the move to tie the pound at an unrealistically high level to other European currencies in the exchange-rate mechanism "straitjacket", which eventually led to the humiliating and damaging withdrawal from the ERM. She says that had only one end in sight: a fully fledged superstate "with its own flag, anthem, army, parliament, government, currency and eventually — one supposes — people".

She give warning that as the 1996 inter-governmental conference on the future of Europe draws closer, all the problems that bedevilled the Government over Maastricht will arise again and says the Government would be naive to stand by and let federalists exploit the conference. Britain must be prepared to fight its corner by "pursuing every measure of obstruction and disruption open to us".

Britain's best course now, she declares, is to seek a recast relationship with the Community, along the lines originally mooted by General de Gaulle. That would allow France and Germany to set up a hardcore European Union without British membership, leaving Britain's trading links with Europe intact. If the other members refused the "big bang" opt-out, Britain should use its veto to block further progress towards integration.

She discusses her depression at losing office in November 1990. "Time was heavy on my hands," she says. "Work had been my elixir. Now I would have to adjust to a different pace. It was difficult to begin with ... I felt an inner need to ponder on what I had made of my life and the opportunities I had been given, and on the significance of events."

On the question of her successor, she says that she was never in the business of attempting to undermine John Major. "I knew that his position was still fragile and I wanted him to succeed. I had faced sufficient difficulties with Ted Heath not to wish to inflict similar ones."

She complains about the "missing sense of purpose" in the Major years and says: "I was not prepared for the speed with which the position I adopted would be reversed ... The problem with John Major's approach was that although it initially won plaudits, it left the fundamental problems unresolved."

But on the Tory party's continuing problems in the polls, she says: "It is for others to take the actions required." On foreign policy she deplores the fact that the special relationship with the United States has been "allowed to cool to near freezing point".

She is also sharply critical of the direction of domestic policy, in particular on law and order, and calls for a return to basic Tory values in family life. She claims that Britain is "moving rapidly in the wrong direction" on law and order issues and calls for a switch from welfare spending to crime prevention and detection. The book says that the rise in single-parent families without fathers has led to an increase in drug trafficking, vandalism and youth gangs.

Her solution is to make benefits for single mothers conditional on their living with their parents or in supervised accommodation, and to change tax laws to encourage traditional family structures.

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The future looked rosy in 1992. Now Lady Thatcher complains of a "missing sense of purpose" in John Major

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Fairbairn furore adds to Tory by-election woes

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tories enter the final week of the Perth and Kinross by-election facing a fresh embarrassment over allegations that the late Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the former MP for the constituency, has a nine-year-old illegitimate son.

Party sources insisted that the reports bore no relevance to the by-election campaign and criticised the press for causing Lady Fairbairn further distress. An official said reports that the former Solicitor-General had had a child by an Australian teacher were a matter for the family rather than the party.

While none of the other parties tried to exploit the story, there was speculation that the report only days before the by-election could be part of a campaign to find a scapegoat if the Tory candidate, John Godfrey, polls badly on Thursday.

John Major sent him a letter of support yesterday in which he accused the SNP of offering Scots "nothing except a bleak future of high taxes and low spending". He wrote: "You are right to highlight the dangers of putting the Union at risk; of jeopardising everything that we achieve together as part of the United Kingdom."

Yesterday all the main candidates were preparing for television debates to be held today and tomorrow. They are seen as a big opportunity to influence the 30 per cent of voters still said to be undecided.

All eyes will also be on tomorrow's poll in *The Herald* newspaper, which is the only comprehensive survey to be carried out during the campaign. Two months ago an opinion poll carried out by the same organisation, System 3, gave the SNP nearly 50 per cent of the vote, with Labour and the Tories almost tied in second place.

The SNP lead has almost certainly dropped since then. Two telephone polls have put Labour ahead of the Tories and Labour's youthful candidate, Douglas Alexander, is confident that Labour could still win. However, it seems unlikely that he will be able to catch Roseanna Cunningham, the SNP candidate.

Veronica Linklater, the Liberal Democrat candidate, is said to be holding on to her party's vote, although it is still expected to come a poor fourth.

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Peers plan revolt over deregulation of signs

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT proposals to relax the regulation of roadside tourist signs could be blocked in the Lords by Tory owners of stately homes.

The peers, led by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, fear that the plans would produce a proliferation of unsightly signs in the countryside. A consultation paper issued last month has met with protest from conservation groups and road safety organisations, which argue that drivers could be distracted.

In a letter published in *The Times* today Lord Montagu, president of the Southern Tourist Board, says "the dogma of deregulation is being carried too far".

Lord Montagu, whose vintage motor museum in Hampshire is a popular tourist site, says the environmental damage would become an unpleasant legacy that electors would neither forgive nor forget. He would propose a motion against the plans if they went before the Lords and would expect many Tory peers to back him.

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Arizona rally highlights profound distrust of Washington

Gun lobby pledges war on Clinton's government 'thugs'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

A DEFIANT National Rifle Association declared war on the White House at the weekend during an annual convention in this sunbaked desert city that showed just how profoundly many heartland Americans distrust their Government.

With the national spotlight firmly on them, a string of association officials used the occasion to portray their huge organisation as the last bulwark against a repressive Government bent on destroying individual rights and freedoms. They drew roars of approval by vowing to eject President Clinton from office in 1996 just as the association's 3.4 million members helped to overturn 40 years of Democratic rule on Capitol Hill last November.

This month the rifle association has suffered some of the most withering attacks of its 124-year history. Mr Clinton and the mainstream media have seized on its portrayal of federal law enforcement agents as "jackbooted government thugs" in "Nazi bucket helmets and stormtrooper uniforms" to accuse it of fomenting the sort of anti-government hatred that led to last month's Oklahoma City bombing. President Bush even resigned his lifetime membership in disgust.

A national poll has also indicated that support among American gun owners for positions taken by the association has dropped significantly, with 47 per cent expressing overall agreement. The results of the *Time*/CNN poll of 600 gun owners indicated a drop of 20 percentage points from a December 1989 poll, which showed 67 per cent overall support for positions espoused by the group.

The poll also indicated that 49 per cent of America's gun owners favour stricter gun control laws, although 48 per cent would be less likely to vote for a candidate who favours stricter laws. Only 24 per cent of the gun owners interviewed said they thought Congress should repeal the ban on assault weapons that was passed last year, with 69 per cent in favour of keeping the ban in place.

However, leaders of the association, citing the FBI's 1993 assault on the Branch Davidians' compound at Waco, in Texas, and other cases of federal agents apparently running amok, declared at their convention that they would not be cowed by such attacks. They won the overwhelming support of the 24,000 members attending the convention and Wayne LaPierre, the association's executive vice-president, was cheered when he said that if federal agents continued to "act like thugs, then that's what we are going to call them".

Presenting the rifle association as a champion of American rights and freedoms was shrewd political positioning by the leadership, but the rank-and-file members in Phoenix clearly believed it absolutely. Almost all considered recent gun control measures as the start of a concerted government effort to disarm American citizens as a prelude to destroying their basic liberties.



A woman delegate gets to grips with a new gun

These convention delegates could not be dismissed as members of the lunatic fringe. They were teachers, police officers, mid-level managers, lawyers and small businessmen. They were almost exclusively white, came mostly from the American hinterland and were all convinced that the Government in Washington was a malign and sinister force bent on suppressing, not serving, the people. They drew comparisons with Nazi Germany, called President Clinton a "communist" or wore T-shirts that sported slogans such as: "I Love my Country, but I Fear my Government".

They described the Second Amendment to the constitution, which talks of the right to keep and bear arms, as the most sacred of all. If that was breached, a disarmed citizenry would lack the power to prevent the Government overturning the rest of the constitution.

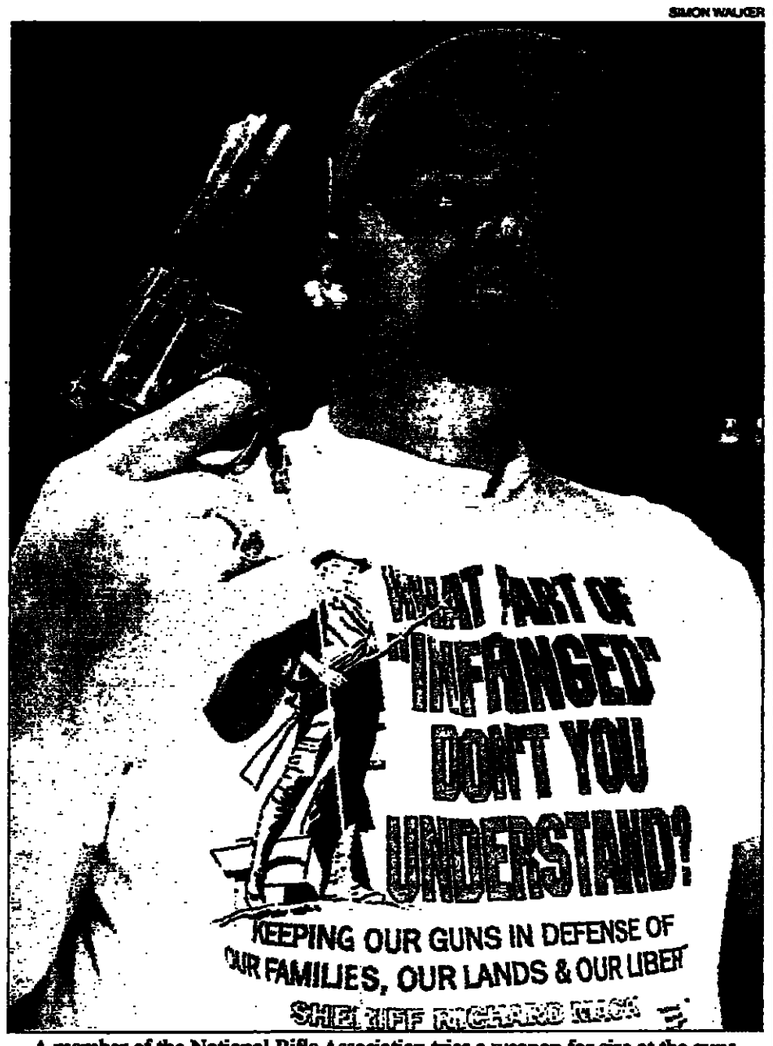
"It keeps the despots at bay if they know there are 200 million guns out there," Don Bradway, 49, a public transport safety officer from California's Orange County, said.

The depth of these people's suspicion was baffling, but events such as the Waco siege clearly made a much bigger impression on them than anyone realised and "talk radio's" relentless anti-government diatribes have fuelled their paranoia further.

Rifle association leaders prudently distanced themselves from the citizens' militias that have sprung up across America, but the militias nevertheless had considerable grassroots sympathy. Indeed, the rifle association's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award went to Richard Mack, an Arizona sheriff who openly supports the militias. "It was never intended that the master feared the servant and that we the people be forced into humble submission through government intimidation," he told the convention.

The event was held in a vast new air-conditioned conference centre. There were signs at the entrances asking delegates to check in their firearms; it is legal to carry guns in Arizona as long as they are displayed openly. Inside, an exhibition of rifles and hunting equipment featuring such legendary names as Winchester, Remington and Colt occupied an area the size of several football pitches, a striking reminder of the association's long history as primarily an organisation to promote sporting interests. The group is now overtly political and confrontational. Its immediate aims are to win congressional hearings on cases such as the Waco attack and a repeal of last year's ban on assault weapons. "There will be a repeal," Tanya Metaksa, the association's chief lobbyist, said, "and we will give Bill Clinton the chance to veto his presidency away."

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SIMON WALKER

A member of the National Rifle Association tries a weapon for size at the guns exhibition, which is staged as part of the annual convention held in Phoenix

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Security fears lead to detour at White House

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

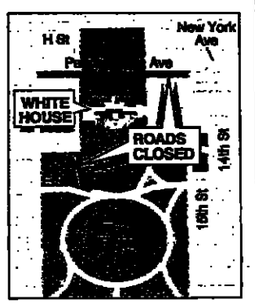
TRAFFIC no longer passes in front of America's most famous address, the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Reluctantly acceding to heightened security concerns following the Oklahoma City bombing, President Clinton ordered the closure of a two-block stretch of the avenue in front of the White House to all but pedestrians. He also closed a shorter stretch of road at the back gate for the same reason.

Pennsylvania Avenue has been a symbol of national openness for two centuries. George Washington insisted that the White House be a mansion modest in size and accessible to the people, not the equivalent of a monarch's palace set in a exclusive park. Until now, the avenue has stayed open despite four successful and eight unsuccessful presidential assassination attempts, the civil war, two world wars and the Gulf War.

Mr Clinton compared Saturday's unannounced arrival of concrete barricades to the installation of metal detectors at airports. He said they should be seen as a responsible security step to preserve rather than restrict freedom. When he took office, Mr Clinton promised: "I will not in any way allow the fight against domestic and foreign terrorism to build a wall between me and the American people."

Police were bracing for huge traffic jams during today's rush hour when more than 200,000 workers will fill the centre of Washington.





Chung: upset people of Oklahoma City

CBS fires woman 'anchor' who drew criticism

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

CONNIE CHUNG, only the second woman to co-host the main evening news on a US television network, has been removed from her post at CBS after antagonising Oklahoma residents while reporting the bombing.

Ms Chung teamed up with Dan Rather, the veteran CBS newscaster, two years ago in an effort to revive ratings at the flagging network.

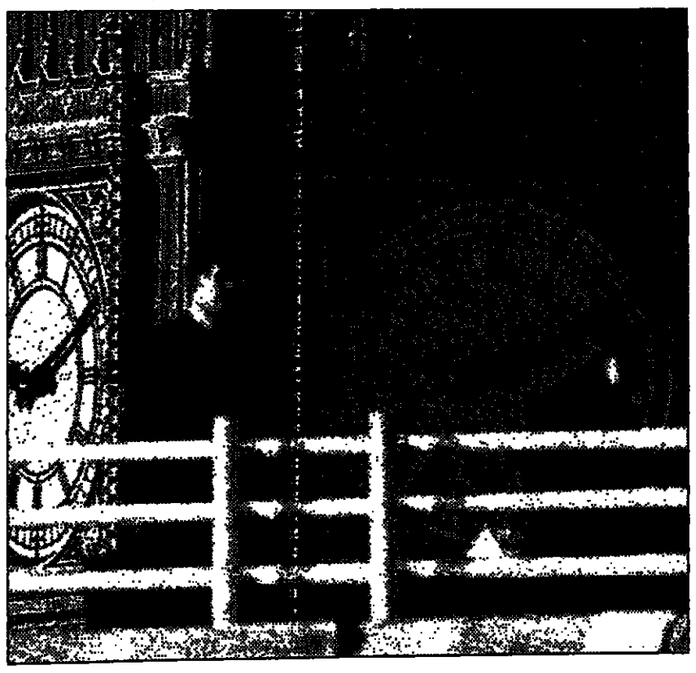
The two "co-anchors" continually bickered backstage. The latest argument came after the bomb explosion at the federal building in Oklahoma City on April 19. Mr Rather called in from holiday in the adjoining state of Texas, offering to go to the scene. Ms Chung was sent instead. Her condescending interviews with rescue workers outraged local residents and she was forced to apologise.

Now CBS executives have agreed on what had been obvious for many months: Ms Chung had failed to stop CBS evening news sliding further behind its rivals. The network removed her from the news and cancelled her weekly magazine show.

She will be remembered for persuading Newt Gingrich's mother to confide on air that the House Speaker had once called Hillary Clinton a bitch.

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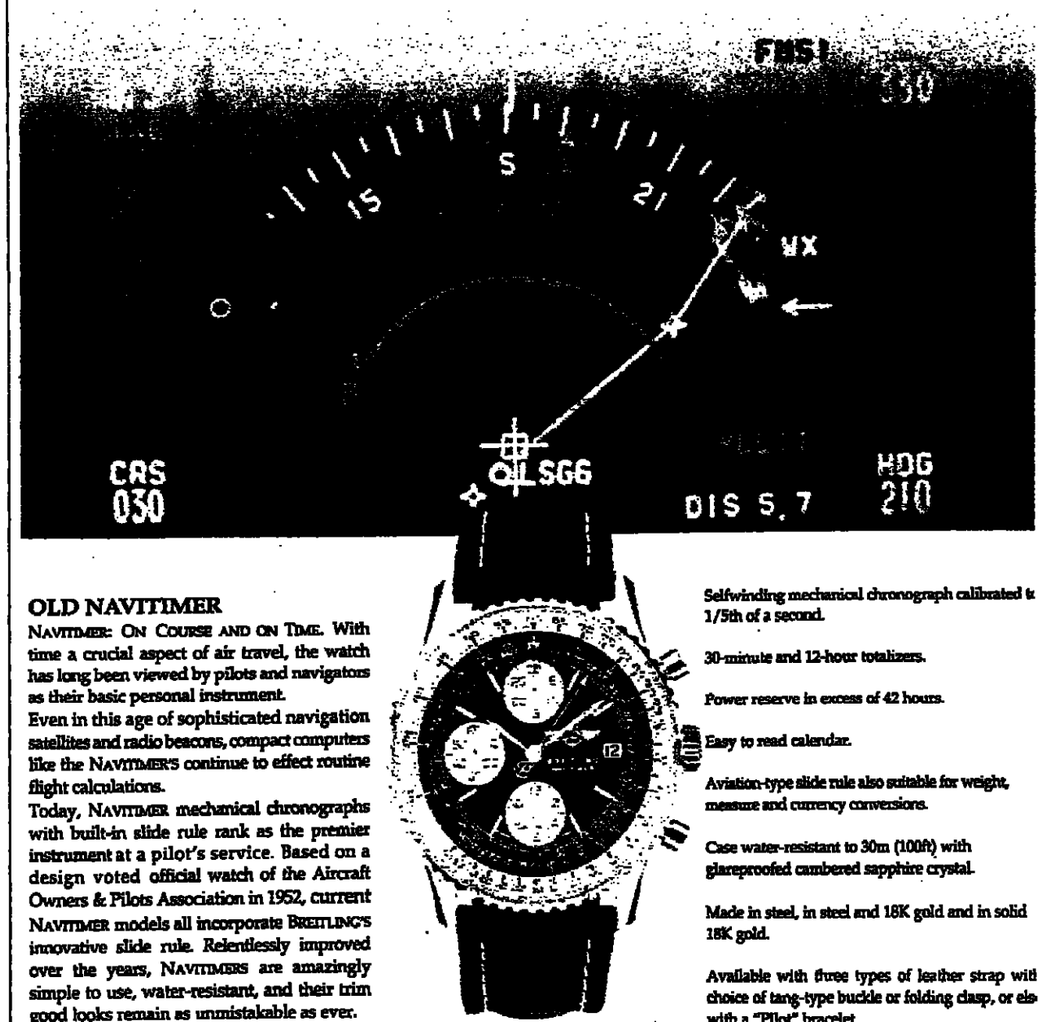
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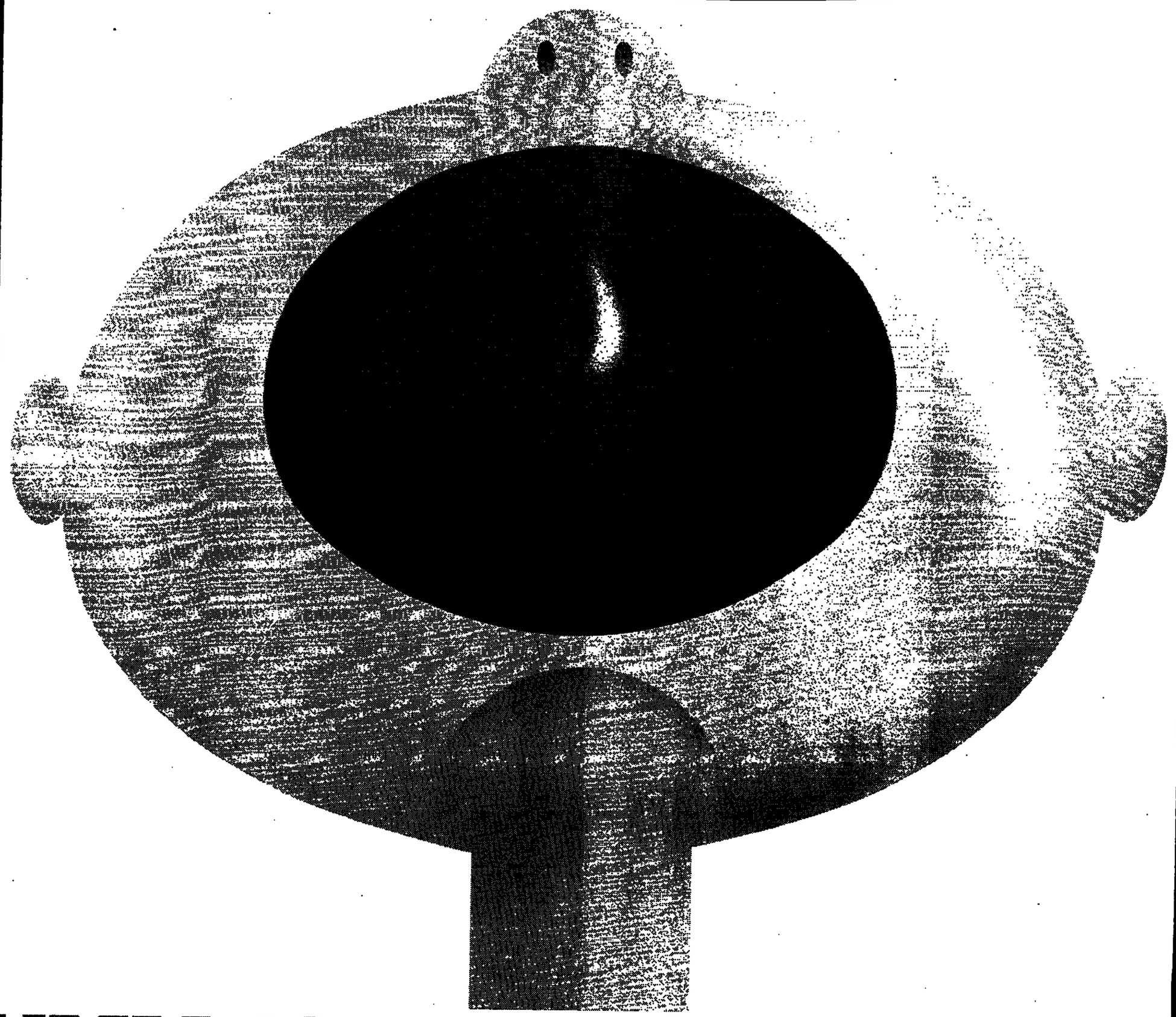
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America heads off UN plan to cut Bosnia force

BY JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE United States is flexing its diplomatic muscles to block the United Nations' proposals for deep cuts in the UN force in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the abandonment of the Muslim "safe areas".

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, travelled to UN headquarters in New York at the weekend after it emerged that the organisation was considering cutting the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) by half and dropping the "safe areas".

Mr Perry told Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, that such a dramatic cutback in the UN mission would prove "disastrous". Although the US has always refused to send ground troops to Bosnia, Washington is insisting that British and other UN troops must continue to protect Muslim civilians in the beleaguered "safe areas", such as Sarajevo and Gorazde.

In London, Ministry of Defence and Foreign Office officials met to discuss the UN proposals to reduce the size of the force in Bosnia. Ministers are expected to give their opinion later this week and it seems likely that the Government will also reject the proposed cutbacks.

It has always been the MoD's view that if British troops were to stay in Bosnia — there are currently 3,400 deployed — they should be in sufficient numbers to function as a viable force. Cutting back on Britain's contribution might increase, not decrease, the risks faced by those left behind.

Britain has already announced that the 500 British troops currently based in Gorazde in eastern Bosnia will not be replaced by another British unit when their tour ends in the autumn. The Foreign Office sources said it was appropriate that there should be a reappraisal of the UN's role in Bosnia, limiting it more to humanitarian and monitoring functions.

Dr Boutros Ghali is due to present proposals on the peacekeepers' future role in Bosnia by the end of the month. UN officials now accept, however, that a drastic reduction in the UN force would be politically unacceptable and would be unlikely to pass in the Security Council, which must approve any change in the nature of the peacekeeping mission.

One Western diplomat described the idea of large troop reductions as a "manoeuvre" by the new French Government to pressure the US into forcing the Bosnian Government to renew the ceasefire that expired at the end of April.

France, the largest contributor of UN peacekeepers in the Balkans, knows that Washington does not want to see Unprofor withdraw and is desperate to avoid having to send American troops to help extricate UN peacekeepers.





Workmen hang a cloth across a Sarajevo street to obscure it from Serb snipers yesterday. The UN has refused to protect workers erecting anti-sniper barriers

Units not up to full strength

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE size of the United Nations force in former Yugoslavia has never reached the level authorised by the Security Council.

The present combined strength of the troops, military observers, civilian police and civilian personnel in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Macedonia is 43,926, compared with an authorised force of 50,433. UN strength in Bosnia has varied from about 20,000 to 24,000.

The biggest concentration of UN troops is in the southwest sector, which is under British command and where there are more than 7,000 soldiers deployed in central and southern Bosnia. This area is largely peaceful at present.

The units include 1,400 Spaniards in Mostar and nearby Medugorje; 650 British troops in Vitez, Gornji Vakuf and Zepce; another 500 British soldiers in Gorazde; a Turkish battalion of 1,468 in Zenica, a Muslim stronghold, and 800 Canadians in Visoko. In Sarajevo there are more than 5,000 troops from France, Egypt, Russia and Ukraine.

'Safe areas' hold troops to ransom

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN VITEZ

THE Serbs tank shell came crashing through the wall of the British United Nations base in Maglaj, exploding in the dining area, sending shards of glowing shrapnel across the room.

An hour earlier the same room had been filled with soldiers eating their evening meal. Six soldiers were wounded, one of whom nearly lost his leg.

The deliberate targeting of the temporary home of "C" Squadron of the British Cavalry Battalion coincided with the deliberate shooting of three French soldiers in Sarajevo. It is incidents like these that have prompted the UN to consider withdrawing its forces from the Bosnian "safe areas".

As the Bosnian war enters its fourth year without any sign of a negotiated settlement, UN forces are increasingly being targeted. The events of the past 18 months, particularly the birth of the federation between Bosnians and Croats, have undermined the initial UN mandate: the escorting of humanitarian aid to the beleaguered populace. UN troops now find themselves involved in a complex effort to splice the Bosnian and Croat communities together as part of a single viable state. The Serbs — not surprisingly — oppose such a union. Ironically, it is the "safe areas" where aid is scarcest and where it is hardest for UN forces to operate. Supplying these areas is subject to the whim of the Serbs, to whom control of the enclaves is a bargaining counter with the West to counter their own slipping fortunes.

With the exception of Sarajevo and Bihac, where Bosnian forces under the command of General Atif Dudakovic continue to hold out, the enclaves have been demilitarised, either directly by Serb action or by the UN.

Aware of the consequences of UN withdrawal, with no aid and no guarantee of Nato air cover, the enclaves would undoubtedly take matters into their own hands and force the UN to stay. Roads blocked by crowds of frightened women and children intent on preventing UN movement already have numerous precedents in Bosnia.

"If the UN goes, Srebrenica and Gorazde are finished," a Bosnian infantry officer said. "We are not yet strong enough to fight our way back to them".

If the UN is to stay in the enclaves, new troops will have to be sent to replace those now coming to the end of their tour of duty. There is already a lack of will among contributing nations to supply any further garrisons.

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Belgium's voters dash Far Right dreams of power

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN BRUSSELS

THE extreme right-wing Vlaams Blok failed to make the electoral breakthrough widely predicted in Belgium's general election yesterday. The Centre-Left Government held its ground, winning a projected 80 of the 150 legislative seats.

The Vlaams Blok won 26.7 per cent of the vote in Antwerp, remaining the biggest party in Belgium's second largest city. Across Flanders, it won 13.1 per cent of the vote, up from 10.3 per cent in the last elections of 1991. It had been thought that popular antipathy towards immigration, unemployment, and rising levels of crime, would lead to a surge in votes for the Far Right. Widespread voter disillusionment with established parties had also been predicted, following a series of revelations that a £1 million bribe was paid to the Flemish Socialist Party by Agusta, the Italian helicopter company, in return for a £1 billion defence contract. But the scandal appears to have led to only a slight reduction in support for the Flemish Socialists. The Christian Democrate vote has held up, increasing the prospects of a return to power by Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister.

Confident of significant electoral gains, Philippe Van Der Sande, the Vlaams Blok spokesman, earlier said: "In the last four years there has been one scandal after another, and the people are fed up with this. There has also been a rise in immigrants and crime," he added.

The Vlaams Blok had tried to exploit fears about immigration, crime and unemployment, with campaign posters calling on voters to "settle scores". People in Antwerp "are confronted with the issue of foreigners and crime," one local inhabitant said, adding: "Almost every day drug syringes have to be picked up around here." Another said: "I'm not a racist, but immigrants get jobs more easily because employers have to pay them less."



King Albert: voters heeded his appeal

Fear of a wholesale shift to the Right in Dutch-speaking Flanders, prompted anxious appeals from prominent Belgians — including King Albert, supported by the media — for the electorate not to cast a protest ballot for the extreme Right. "These parties have no projects, except to arouse hatred and spread confrontation," *La Libre Belgique* newspaper said. That strategy appears to have paid off.

Even with an electoral breakthrough, Vlaams Blok leaders knew that intense hostility from the other parties would have excluded them from any new coalition. "We are a party capable of being in the government but the others will never let us in," Mr Van Der Sande said.

The Vlaams Blok, which advocates a separate Flemish state and stiff curbs on immigration, won more seats than any other party in the 1991 local elections. But a united front by the other parties kept them in opposition.

Voting was compulsory in the ballot to elect a new federal government and regional assemblies in Flanders, Wallonia and bilingual Brussels in the first general election since Belgium became a federal state in 1993. More than 30 per cent of the electorate were still undecided how to vote two days before the ballot, making it difficult for pollsters to predict the outcome.

Both the Flemish and French Socialists were braced for the worst. But there is growing bitterness within Socialist ranks over the high profile inquiry into the Agusta affair, which many party activists feared would deprive them of any credibility with the voters.

While welcoming Friday's decision by the judiciary to release three party officials implicated in the scandal, Louis Tobback, the chairman of the Flemish Socialist Party, complained at the timing. I naturally cannot say there was a plot, but if they had wanted to damage the Socialist Party they could not have done a better job," he said.



Homeless people, who are denied a vote in Belgium, demonstrate around Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, after he voted yesterday

Brussels: Queen Fabiola queued for over an hour to vote because of delays blamed on polling booths being too small and chains on official pens being too short to reach across huge ballot papers. *(Reuter)*

EU watchdog hounds fraudsters

BY MICHAEL DYNES

IF THE amount of subsidised butter exported to the tiny Pyrenean country of Andorra under the European Union's common agricultural policy was actually consumed there, every Andorran citizen would have to eat three and a half pounds of butter a day.

EU Economic and Finance Ministers meet in Brussels today to put the final touches to new "administrative sanctions" designed to stamp out this and other so-called "irregularities", which have enabled fraudsters to deprive the European taxpayer of billions of pounds every year with impunity.

The new rules will apply to the EU's entire £67 billion annual budget, and should enable European Commission officials to reclaim funds without having to prove criminal intent in the domestic courts.

Individuals who claim EU funds to which they are not entitled, whether by error or fraud, will also be required to pay interest, a fine of up to 15 per cent of the sum involved, and could find themselves banned from claiming EU funds in the future. New criminal sanctions are also in the pipeline.

The initiative is in part a response to a recent report by the European Court of Auditors, the EU spending watchdog, which attacked Brussels for weak internal audit procedures. Brussels has traditionally insisted that national governments are responsible for stamping out fraud. But the auditors' report heavily criticised officials for their "fire and forget" attitude towards spending programmes, as if their responsibility for EU funds ended once the money was paid out.

As a result, Brussels has helped fund a variety of dubious schemes, including a 28-mile motorway near Naples which came in 1,160 per cent over budget, without questioning the overspend. In one celebrated case, which still holds the Brussels "can you beat this for brass neck" award, investigators discovered that a consignment of wheat had been unloaded from the bow of a ship in Hamburg harbour, and then reloaded in the stern so that the shipping company could claim a subsidy from the CAP for cereals exported from German soil.

But the anti-fraud initiative is also a response to the growing recognition among ministers and officials alike that such scandals are eroding popular support for the EU. In March, the Commission reported that fraud cases had risen sharply over the past year, from 2,538 to 4,168, while the cost of fraud had risen from £300 million to £800 million. Critics insist that the real figure is ten times that. But while the Commission rejects these claims as exaggerated, it has been forced to admit that only a fraction of the total fraud is detected.



The Pope: he will visit his native Poland today

Pope seeks forgiveness

Olomouc: The Pope, speaking in the Czech Republic, asked forgiveness in the name of Roman Catholics yesterday for wrongs inflicted by the church on other churches.

He made the plea here as he canonised Jan Sarkander, a priest martyred during the 17th-century religious struggles. He said: "I ask forgiveness for the wrongs inflicted on non-Catholics during the turbulent history of these peoples." Today the Pope will visit his native Poland. *(Reuter)*

Berlusconi condemns 'baseless' tax charges

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN ROME

THE simmering feud between Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian Prime Minister, and the pool of anti-corruption magistrates has reached boiling point after a decision at the weekend that the media magnate should answer corruption charges.

The Milanese judges applied on Saturday to summon Signor Berlusconi to court to face charges that he made illicit payments to officials to avoid taxes on companies in his Fininvest group. However, Signor Berlusconi, who underwent a minor hernia operation, said the authorities were acting on the basis of a "theorem without proof".

"Ever since I entered the political arena to try and improve public life in this country there has been a political prejudice against me," he said in yesterday's edition of the *Corriere della Sera*. "The judges have nothing," he added. Guiliano Ferrara, Signor Berlusconi's former government spokesman, rushed to his defence with a damning attack on the celebrated Milanese "clean hands" judges in the newspaper *La Stampa*: "The truth is that they want to banish Silvio Berlusconi from political life."

However, the magistrates, including Francesco Saverio Borrelli, the chief prosecutor, made no comment yesterday over their application to bring Signor Berlusconi, 57, to trial.

The conflict between the media magnate and the judges dates back to his seven-month term as Italian Prime Minister. Last July, Signor Berlusconi's Government passed a law making it more difficult for magistrates to detain suspects in corruption cases, a move that prompted the Milanese judges to resign en masse. The magistrates withdrew their resignation when Signor Berlusconi climbed down over the decree, but the first shots had been fired.

The judges subsequently began to close the net around the Fininvest group and on July 23 one of the group's senior tax officials told them of the tax bribes allegedly authorised by Paolo Berlusconi, Silvio's brother. This information prompted an investigation which led to Saturday's request that both brothers face charges of complicity in corruption, along with members of the police. Some officers of the force are already being tried for similar offences involving other companies in Brescia.

The allegations revolve around three companies, which supposedly handed a total of more than 330 million lire (£130,000) to evade taxes. Signor Berlusconi has constantly maintained that the affair involved extortion by public officials rather than fraud committed by the companies. He said the fact that the prosecutor had waited until the six-month deadline to ask for the case to be brought to court was "proof that there are no witnesses against me or documents that accuse me".

Judicial officials said a further charge was pending, concerning a payment of 50 million lire by Telepiu, the pay-TV channel that Fininvest controls as a minority shareholder.

Cossacks prepare to ride again in defence of Russia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S notorious Cossacks, the fierce horsemen who defended the country's borders against invaders and helped the tsars to create an empire, are ready to mount up once more in the service of their country.

For the first time since the last Cossacks were defeated by the Bolsheviks — to face exile and persecution under Stalin — the frontiersmen are to be rehabilitated and are expected to be reintegrated into the armed forces.

"The Cossacks have remained a real force," said Viktor Mironov, a parliamentarian who is drawing up a Bill next month for the reinstatement of the seven Cossack armies in the military. "Our aim is to restore a united movement ... to guard our state." The issue is to come up next week at a meeting of the powerful Presidential Security Council, when a report will recommend that the Cossacks be given responsibility for guarding key border areas.

The Cossacks emerged in the late 15th century as former serfs, misfits and adventurers who escaped the Kremlin's authority by establishing settlements on Russia's frontiers. Although they lived as free men, the Cossacks had to defend the borders from attacks by Tartars, Turks and other invaders.

Catherine the Great brought them under her control by offering them tax exemption in exchange for military service, a patronage that lasted until 1917 when most Cossacks fought against the Bolsheviks until they were defeated in 1923.

In a recent letter to President Yeltsin, the Council of Atamans, the Cossack chiefs, offered to provide a Kremlin honour guard for the Russian leader. Reinstalling the Cossacks as an institution could be dangerous, however. While the romantic image of Cossack life, made famous in Mikhail Sholokhov's epic, *And Quiet Flows the Don*, portrays the Cossacks as a pioneering and noble community, their exploits in today's Russia have been far less honourable.

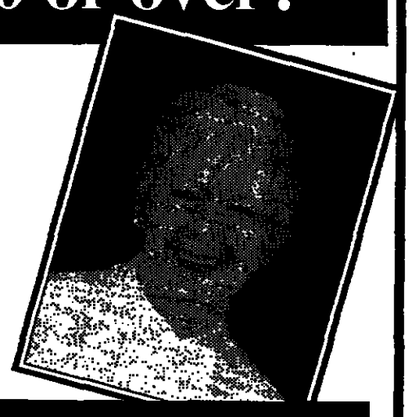
The Cossacks have emerged as mercenaries in ethnic conflicts from Tajikistan to Chechenia, Abkhazia, Moldavia and even the former Yugoslavia; and seven Cossack chiefs are under investigation for links with organised crime.



A Cossack soldier in the Second World War

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Tehran hints at lifting of Rushdie death sentence

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

■ Iran's fear that the European Union might follow America's lead over sanctions may have encouraged Tehran to adopt a more conciliatory tone over Salman Rushdie

ENCOURAGING signs that the Iranian Government may take positive steps towards lifting the six-year-old death sentence on the author Salman Rushdie emerged yesterday, when it was reported that the $2 million (£1.27 million) bounty for killing him may be withdrawn.

There was also confirmation from Iranian officials that the Government of President Rafsanjani was not going to send death squads to seek Mr Rushdie, who has lived under police protection since 1989. The death sentence was issued in a fatwa by the late Ayatollah Khomeini after Mr Rushdie was accused by Muslims of writing blasphemy in his book *The Satanic Verses*.

The Tehran Government is making it known that it is opposed to any form of bounty being offered for Mr Rushdie's death and that it plans to repeat its warning to Muslims to obey the laws of the countries in which they live. If the new moves signals a more conciliatory approach towards Mr Rushdie, it is possible that 15th Khordad, an organisation believed to be linked to Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and the principal body involved in offering the bounty, may be ordered to cancel the price tag.

The last softer language from Iran comes after European Union foreign ministers last month agreed for the first time to put pressure on Iran to make Europe exempt from the fatwa, which would allow Mr Rushdie the freedom to move, without caring for his life. It seems that the Iranian Government is trying to respond positively to the EU's move, principally to ensure that Europe does not follow the United States in imposing trade sanctions. It is in Tehran's interests to sound more conciliatory to European governments, particularly now its economy is in serious disarray.

Although Mr Rushdie would always face the risk of an extremist taking action irrespective of Tehran's wishes, the signals from Iran were welcomed yesterday by the human rights group campaigning on the author's behalf. Frances D'Souza, the executive director of Article XIX, which helped to persuade the French Government to take up the Rushdie case as an EU matter, said: "Tehran is putting out a new line on Salman Rushdie and the fatwa and this is very important. This doesn't mean the whole thing is going to be resolved now but positive steps are being made."

Last night Mr Rushdie made it known that he would not comment until there was firm confirmation of the latest reports.


Rushdie: death squads called off by Tehran

The Foreign Office, which agreed last month to the EU approach to Tehran but has remained sceptical of Iranian intentions, did not dismiss the latest reports yesterday. Whitehall sources said, however, that there was still nothing official about a softer line being taken towards Mr Rushdie. "We're waiting for an official response to the EU *démarche*," one source said.

The Foreign Office also said that remarks made in Tehran did not directly affect the safety of Mr Rushdie. Previous public and private statements in Tehran had not changed London's assessment that Mr Rushdie's life remained threatened by Islamic death squads.

It is also not yet clear whether the apparent softer approach is supported by the hardline clerics who have previously said that the fatwa can never be lifted.

Britain has not been in the forefront of diplomatic approaches to Tehran because the Government believes that Iran cannot be rewarded for lifting the fatwa by being offered more trade or better relations with London. "They are not going to be rewarded for lifting something which they shouldn't have imposed in the first place," one source said.

Better relations between Iran and Britain depend on a number of changes, including Tehran's support for international terrorism and its disavowal of the Middle East peace process.

DAVID WALLACE, BBC


This statue of Osiris, god of the underworld, lies in a shrine at the end of the main passageway of the tomb complex in the Valley of the Kings

Pharaonic trove may have been looted

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EGYPTOLOGISTS examining a tomb in the Valley of the Kings, which is believed to be the burial chamber for 50 sons of Rameses II, think it is the biggest pharaonic burial chamber yet found. Further studies are expected to confirm the status of KV5, which was was uncovered by American archaeologists in February.

They found 67 chambers containing fragments of sarcophagi and mummies, inscribed stone vessels, pottery and jewellery and residues of cooked meats.

"This is an important find," Vivian Davies, keeper of Egyptian antiquities at the British Museum in London, said. "It is extraordinary that this tomb had been known about for so long, because the findings were so unexpected. It also makes you think about what else might be there."

There is evidence that the tomb was looted in ancient times. A Turin papyrus records an unsuccessful raid around 1150 BC, a century after the reign of Rameses II.

The tomb entrance was discovered last century but inquisitive archaeologists, including Howard Carter, who



led the team that discovered Tutankhamun's tomb, were thwarted by debris blocking entry to all but three front chambers. The galleries lying behind are laid out in a T-shape, with 20 chambers along the stem of the "T". A shrine to Osiris, the god of the underworld, lies at the top of this main passageway. More chambers lie in the arms of the T, and stairways lying at the end of the arms indicate that lower levels may harbour unexplored chambers.

Professor Kent Weeks, from the American University in Cairo, whose team uncovered the tomb, said that the galleries contained objects proving that many of Rameses's sons were buried there. Amon-her-khepeshef, the eldest son of Rameses, is one of the pharaoh's children who is known to be buried in KV5. Only two of Rameses' 52 named sons are known to be buried elsewhere. The mummy of Merenptah, the thirteenth son and eventual heir to Rameses's throne, lies in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. The supposed tomb of Khaemwese was found two years ago in Saqqara, near the capital. That leaves 49 sons who may be interred with Amon-her-khepeshef in KV5.

Rameses, who claimed to have fathered more than 100 children, came to the throne in 1279 BC and reigned for more than 60 years. He is said to have been the pharaoh of the Exodus, whose reluctance to let the Israelites go was eroded by a series of plagues.

Arabs unite for land seizure summit

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN JERUSALEM

ARAB leaders are to hold a mini-summit later this week over Israeli moves to confiscate 133 acres of mainly Palestinian-owned land in east Jerusalem.

The meeting in Morocco of nine members of the 22-member Arab League will be the largest gathering since August 1990, when a chaotic summit involving the hurling of cutlery by rival delegates was held in Cairo after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Since then the deep divisions created by the Gulf War have been an obstacle to Arab unity.

One east Jerusalem-based diplomat said: "By threatening to grab land in that part of Jerusalem captured from Jordan in 1967 and subsequently annexed, the Israelis have succeeded in doing what seemed impossible: enabled the Arabs to forget their differences sufficiently to organise a gathering on something on which they can all agree."

Abdelhadi Boutaleb, an envoy for King Hassan of Morocco, said the meeting would be held as a "prelude to a full summit". Those attending include Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Syria, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Hariri at helm again in Lebanon

Beirut: Rafik Hariri yesterday began a second term as Lebanese Prime Minister, two days after resigning because of deep divisions within his Cabinet. Mr Hariri won the backing of 75 out of parliament's 128 deputies and is expected to form a more united government this week. *(Reuter)*

Sect 'confession'

Tokyo: Members of the Aum Shinrikyo sect have confessed to making sarin nerve gas and using it on the subway under orders from Shoko Asahara, their leader, the Japanese media reported. *(Reuter)*

'Dragon' found

Peking: Archaeologists have named 240 million-year-old reptile fossils they have found the "Guizhou dragon" because they resemble the mythical beast. The largest is 13in long and 3in wide. *(Reuter)*

Taleban defeat

Argandeh: Afghan forces loyal to President Rabbani have blunted the threat from Taleban, the Islamic student army, by taking a strategic position 20 miles south of Kabul. *(AFP)*

Small wonder

Peking: A Chinese artist has produced a painting of chrysanthemums the size of a match head after 1,000 attempts in five years using a microscopic brush, the Xinhua news agency said. *(AP)*

Dissidents arrested in Peking

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY

IN THE latest of a series of arrest of leading dissidents, police yesterday detained Wang Dan, one of the top student leaders of the 1989 pro-democracy protests.

The detention brought to at least five the number of dissidents held. One of those arested this weekend was Huang Xiang, a poet who has spent several years in jail for his poems attacking political suppression during the late 1970s. He was one of 45 people who signed a letter last week addressed to President Jiang Zemin and Li Peng, the Prime Minister.

The letter called for an end to political persecution and demanded the release of those detained after the 1989 Tiananmen protest. Repression of critics would keep China backward, they said.

In addition to Mr Wang, Mr Huang and Zhang Jing, his wife, the police detained Liu Xiaobo, a leading academic who was imprisoned after Tiananmen, Wang Xizhe, who received a 14-year sentence in the Democracy Wall period of the late 1970s. Other activists have been told to leave Peking.

Deportees clash in Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

ELEVEN THOUSAND Vietnamese boat people — half the total number in Hong Kong — and more than 2,000 security officers clashed over the weekend in the worst violence in the colony since the Red Guard rampages of the Cultural Revolution.

By last night the smell of teargas lingered in villages near the camp from which the remaining detainees are likely to be moved this week. About 200 people were injured, mostly police, as the Vietnamese refused to allow 1,700 fellow detainees to be transferred from Whitehead Detention centre to High Island camp — the last stop before planes for Hanoi. The inmates hurled teargas canisters back at police, pelted them with rocks and bottles and speared one officer through the foot.

At least 27 Vietnamese were injured, including one pregnant woman, and a baby was severely burnt by teargas. At least 1,000 rounds of gas were fired.

The operation was briefly suspended on Saturday night. Officers tried to withdraw, leaving many Vietnamese on their hut roofs wrapped in SOS banners and old orange and yellow flags of South Vietnam.

But the fighting continued through the night and fresh officers relieved their exhausted colleagues yesterday morning. Bonnie Wong, an assistant commissioner of police, conceded that the assault team of 2,000 had not been prepared for all the Vietnamese in the camp to resist the moves. They smashed down interior chainlink fences and permitted at least 600 of the likely deportees to run into neighbouring sections.

It took the authorities most of yesterday afternoon to find them again.

Lawyers connected to Refugee Concern, a prisoner-support group, protested in a letter to the Governor, Chris Patten, who had praised the operation, about the use of gas, and suggesting consultation rather than police violence. "Someone is going to get killed very soon," one of the lawyers said.

Last April almost 300 Vietnamese were injured in a similar operation that was at first covered up. An official report justified the police action but conceded it had been too violent.

The 22,000 remaining boat people are the single biggest domestic political problem in Hong Kong, which has spent vast sums on their upkeep. Most people here want them deported no matter what.

The problem deepened last week when news reached the camps that the American Congress is considering admitting 20,000 Vietnamese refugees.

Rebels undermine India's ruling party

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S governing Congress Party, demoralised by electoral disasters and internal feuds, has been shaken by the formation of a breakaway group that claims to be the "real" Congress.

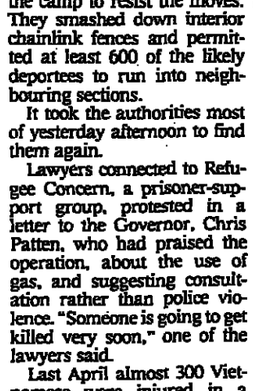
With general election less than a year away, the party's prospects have never been bleaker.

The rebels' aim is to capture the party machine and oust P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister, who became leader after the 1990 assassination of Rajiv Gandhi. The conflict has reduced Mr Rao to the caretaker leader of an enfeebled Government.

Tens of thousands of grassroots Congress members braved the Delhi heat on Friday to hear nine hours of speeches attacking Mr Rao and his team — a humiliating spectacle for a once-unassailable party which led India to independence and which has ruled it for all but a few brief periods since.

The parliamentary party remains intact, although the split in the organisational structure is bound to shake it. The rebels elected Narain Dutt Tiwari, a veteran politician from the influential northern state of Uttar Pradesh, as their "President". Congress is now effectively two organisations, Congress (Rao) and Congress (Tiwari). The dispute may eventually go to the courts.

The clash is not on the scale of Indira Gandhi's division of Congress in 1978, which was designed to reassert her control over the organisation. The implications are far-reaching, however, because the party is so weak. Friday's rally, held in a city stadium, was an impressive show of grassroots rebellion, although it failed to attract sufficient support from MPs to achieve a takeover.


Sonia Gandhi: pressed to play a greater role

The invisible presence of Sonia Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi's widow, was felt as the crisis unfolded last week.

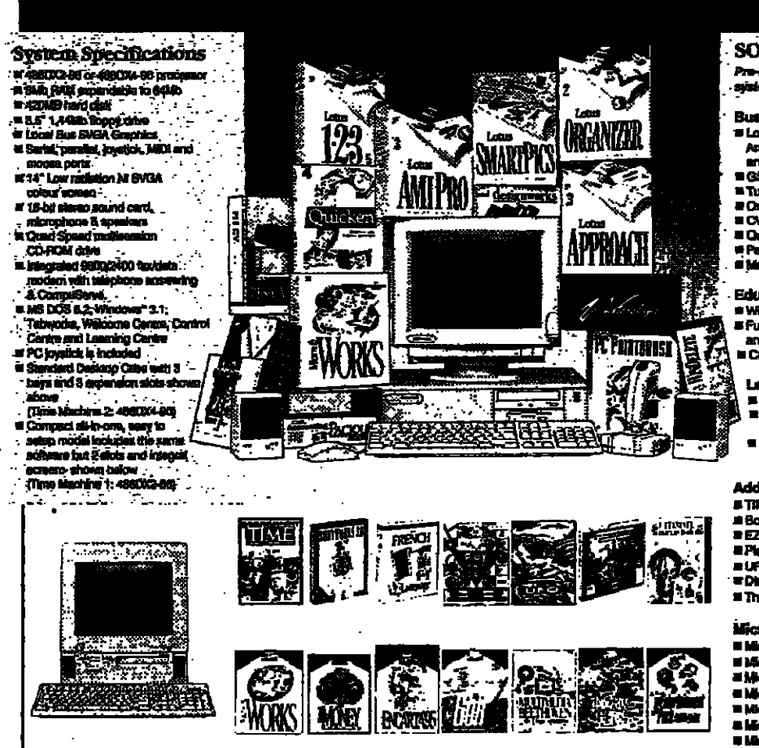
She wields substantial influence over the party, albeit reluctantly, and is under constant pressure to take a public stand to save the organisation from its seemingly inexorable decline.

Mrs Gandhi is the only potentially unifying symbol the party has.

She has rejected all attempts to draw her into politics and lives aloof in a large government-owned house in Delhi, where she devotes herself primarily to perpetuating the memory of her husband.

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Looking back on celluloid

In his first report from the Cannes Film Festival, **Geoff Brown** reviews British period dramas and notable foreign debuts



Ken Loach turns the clock back to 1936 with his Cannes offering, *Land and Freedom*, in which a naive Liverpool lad is caught up in the Spanish Civil War

The 48th Cannes Film Festival lost no time in subjecting its audiences to sensory bombardment. In **The City of Lost Children**, the long-awaited follow-up to *Delicatessen* from those quirky Frenchmen Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro, we were asked to follow the adventures of a wizened inventor who lives on an oilrig with a talking brain kept in a fish tank, a sextet of clones, a dwarf woman called Miss Bismuth, and a horde of children kidnapped so that the inventor can extract from them what he lacks: his own dreams.

Should I also mention the Siamese twins, the band of one-eyed thugs, and the echoes of Charles Dickens and Jules Verne? Probably not: you can already tell that Jeunet and Caro have gone horribly overboard. This is an indigestible, ugly film, packed with cleverness and special effects, but lacking emotional appeal.

Besides this opening attraction, the festival is not yet shining much of a spotlight on France's own cinema. The flag that keeps on being hoisted is, unusually, the Union Jack, and Stephen Dorrell, our man in Westminster, is in town to witness the spectacle. In the competition section there are new films by Ken Loach and Terence Davies, while playwright Christopher Hampton tries on the director's hat in *Carrington*. Elsewhere, Hugh Grant flashes his pearly teeth in Christopher Monger's *The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill But Came Down A Mountain* — a title not chosen with cinema marquees in mind.

Since Stephen Dorrell is our Heritage Secretary, he should feel at home with the amount of period dramas. On some days you cannot move in Cannes for kings in wigs and horse-drawn carriages. Not in Ken Loach's film, of course. In **Land and Freedom** he turns back the clock to 1936, and sends a naive unemployed Liverpool lad out to Spain to fight in the Civil War. The result is not quite an epic: Loach's shooting style does not include conspicuous displays. But this is still his most ambitious film so far: a large-scale, valiant attempt to relive a period crucial to the Left's political culture, but remote from general audiences.

At first Ian Hart's protagonist goes into battle with dewy eyes. "It's a people's army," he writes back home. "Just ordinary men and women fighting for a cause." In lengthy discussion scenes about subjects like collective farming, Loach aims to capture the volunteers' fierce belief. Later, Loach and his screenwriter, Jim Allen, allow their hero to grow disillusioned with the Communist Party. Despite Hart's persuasive performance, the script's political minutiae interfere with the story's momentum. But at a time when too many period films are as spineless as blancmange, this miscalculation is never enough to derail a work with stark visual power and that unfashionable thing, a point of view.

Lack of a personal voice certainly restricts the appeal of **Carrington**, Christopher Hampton's biographical portrait of the passionate relationship between Dora Carrington, painter, and Lytton Strachey, Bloomsbury guru and imminent homosexual. Hampton's script, a pet project for many years, was due for the attention of Mike Newell. As a stand-in director, Hampton acts as a glorified traffic cop, guiding the flow of Bohemian interiors, quaint clothing and barbed words. But he does little to animate his script, or prevent Jonathan Pryce stealing the film from Emma Thompson. As Carrington, Thompson looks earnest and piquant in short hair, but remains a cipher. As Strachey, Jonathan Pryce drapes his arms and legs round the furniture, knits and announces in his pinched voice: "I'm a martyr to the piles." No contest.

Merchant Ivory's **Jefferson in Paris**, also in competition, presents another example of period detail swamping a film's argument. As my eyes roamed around the court of Louis XVI and the Paris home of Thomas Jefferson in his early days as America's Ambassador to France, an urge crept upon me to force James Ivory to direct a film set in a bare room with a cast of two in workmen's overalls. Until that happy day arrives, we must stay content with the cold, decorative pleasures of a film like this. Nick Nolte, crowned with ringlets, makes Thomas Jefferson dignified and cerebral: not the kind of person whom Greta Scacchi, bored wife of a British painter, would waste any time over. And not the person either to sustain a feature film.

But enough of debilitating good taste. What of cinema in the raw? Not much of that so far, unless you include *Albino Alligator*, *Attack of the 60 Foot Centrefold*, *Soft Bodies — The Movie*, and the other delights on sale in the festival's market. Yet there have been two notable debuts in the Director's Fortnight section. One is the first cinema production of Robert Lepage, Canadian wizard of the theatre. **Le Confessional** spins a complex tale around a key event in Quebec City's history: Alfred Hitchcock's arrival in 1952 to shoot scenes for his guilt-ridden thriller *I Confess*. Lepage's script jumps back and forth between that time and the late Eighties, when Lothaire Bluteau starts a family quest that leads back to the church Hitchcock used as a location and the secrets told in confession. The material is too convoluted to keep us in suspense, but there is something infectious about the way Lepage plays with cinema, like a child entranced with a new toy.

The White Balloon, from Iran, could not be more different. Jafar Panahi tells his tale without frills, without professional actors. All he needs is a camera trained on a seven-year-old girl, who badgers her mother to let her buy a goldfish for the New Year's Day celebrations. The precious banknote falls prey to snake charmers: then it falls down a pavement grating. How to retrieve it? Panahi observes the little human drama with simple, affecting eloquence. So here ends Cannes' first lesson. Fancy digital effects, or Versailles' Hall of Mirrors, cannot guarantee a good film. The essential ingredient is a director with a heart.

Lean, but no Fats

POP

Little Richard / Chuck Berry
Wembley Arena

THE publicity for the "Born to Rock'n'Roll" tour made a virtue of the venerability of its three stars, pointing out that this first-ever UK package of Little Richard, Chuck Berry and Fats Domino — combined age 197 — might also be the last. The observation grew more poignant when Domino, 67, took ill during the first of these three shows in Sheffield and had to bow out of the Wembley date. Now the heat was on: could Richard and Chuck, two of rock'n'roll's original loose cannons, win the day?

The Georgia Peach tottered onstage, still looking absurdly spritely in pink jacket and shoes and tousled black mane. Little Richard, who combines supreme egotism with disarming realism, inquired: "Do I look good for 62?", shortly after opening with *Good Golly Miss Molly* — which he liked so much, he just plain did it again.

It's a brave musician who tries to play the game of keep-up that being in his band entails. "This is once in a lifetime," he said. "You don't see this often. Some of us're gettin' old, some of you are too."

Richard's boogie woogie-inspired piano and unmissable vocals have stayed the distance, and, while *Baby Face* and *Rip It Up* were perfunctory and *Long Tall Sally* a mere cameo, when he applied himself, *Lucille* was the treat and the tease she always was.

If a promoter was looking for an act to provide value for money, Chuck Berry's would not be the first name he would think of. Back for his second British concerts of the year, Berry has sadly become notorious for parsimonious versions of his classic songs and checking his watch in mid-performance.

As he stumbled unceremoniously into *Roll Over Beethoven*, his guitar reaching in the dark for the tune, the auguries were awful, and a three-piece band wearing their office clothes didn't add to the spectacle. *Carol*, segueing neatly into *Little Queenie*, had more spirit and, as the performance progressed, you could almost see Berry deciding that, just for once, he'd go for broke.

Joking about playing a longer set "to save face", Berry did just that, even getting away with *My Ding-A-Ling* and ending with a rousing *Reelin' & Rockin'*. Rock'n'roll may be a little poorly, but it will never die.

PAUL SEXTON

DANCE: **Debra Craine** on a triple bill of historic ground-breaking ballets

DEE CONWAY



Lust personified: Marion Tait and Joseph Cipolla in BRB's revival of Antony Tudor's 1942 *Pillar of Fire*

Hats off to a fiery passion

Birmingham Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

In their different ways, each offering on Birmingham Royal Ballet's current triple bill at Covent Garden broke artistic ground when it was premiered in the first half of the 20th century. And of the three, only *Le Tricorne* fails to justify director Peter Wright's commendable policy of reviving a neglected part of ballet's heritage.

Made for Diaghilev's Ballets Russes in 1919 by Massine, to music by Manuel de Falla with eye-catching designs by Picasso, *Le Tricorne* (or "The Three-Cornered Hat") was one of the earliest and most influential examples of the comedy ballet. But whereas at its premiere in London the work's exotic Spanish flavour was deemed colourful and exciting (and its Spanish-style choreography surely better danced), this revival was a limp affair, bereft of hot-blooded Andalusian pride and incapable of translating Massine's unsophisticated comic detailing into sympathetic characterisation. The decorative arrogance of Spanish dance eluded both Michael O'Hare and Chenca Williams, as the Miller and his flirtatious wife, neither of whom seemed to grasp the essential technique of choreographic accents whipped into clarity.

BRB's dancers were much happier in the company revival of *Pillar of Fire*, Antony Tudor's 1942 exploration of sexual frustration and societal repression, set to Schoenberg's *Verklärte Nacht*. The ballet's boldly stated themes represented a radical departure from the coded sexuality of the 19th century; how much later choreographers like MacMillan owed to Tudor's work.

Half a century later, Tudor's masterpiece still retains the power to shock. His brilliantly lucid characterisations, his seamless narrative drive, his ability to suggest and, where necessary, economically illustrate the interior dialogue of his characters, make for a perfect piece of psychological dance-drama. See how bursts of pointework are used to punctuate his characters' emotional sentences, or how potent is a sudden ungainly jerk of a crooked leg.

Pillar of Fire also marks a personal triumph for BRB's senior ballerina, Marion Tait, reasserting her claim as Britain's pre-eminent dance actress. Tait wears anguish and abandon like a second skin. As Hagar, the woman torn apart by unfulfilled sexuality and isolated by the stifling moral rectitude of her New England society, she is coiled with the longing of unrequited love, ripe for her seduction by the Young Man (a superbly unctuous Joseph Cipolla).

Every fibre of the ballerina's body is alive with nuance: even her back — frequently to the audience — throbs with an impossibly defined expressiveness. And her final salvation with Kevin O'Hare's compassionate Friend is so intimately realised that it belies the distance between stage and audience.

Ballet Theatre (now American Ballet Theatre) commissioned *Pillar of Fire* and was also the birthplace of Balanchine's 1947 work, *Theme and Variations*. *Theme* (to Tchaikovsky) is both homage and harbinger, a celebration of the choreographer's own roots in the grand classicism of Imperial Russia and a declaration of the speed and democratic openness of the neo-classicism he was developing in America. It's a great company work, affording both soloists and corps the spotlight of virtuoso display. The entire BRB cast shone, led by a radiant Miyako Yoshida.

LONDON CONCERTS

Downtown top-ranking

JAZZ

NYCO
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE New York Composers Orchestra was formed in 1986 by composer/pianist Wayne Horvitz and composer/spouse Robin Holcomb as an outlet for their own large-ensemble pieces and those of their associates in what has become known as the "downtown scene".

Although never a self-proclaimed movement, its members — John Zorn, Elliott Sharp, Bill Frisell, Bobby Previte prominent among them — share, above all, an openness to all forms of music from Ives and Copland to Hendrix and Morricone, and a willingness to assimilate them into their own projects.

The resulting music's besetting sin can be an arch, hip glibness, but in the right hands — as it undoubtedly is in NYCO — it can be tremendously exciting.

A core of American players — reedsmen Doug Weiselman and Marty Ehrlich along with drummer Previte and the co-founders — has been retained in the 15-piece NYCO for this six-date Contemporary Music Network tour, and it was their compositions the band played to a highly appreciative QEH audience. Holcomb's pieces — *First Programme in Standard Time*, *Night Birds: Open 24 Hours* and *Always Livin On* — were the most ambitious, packed with startling juxtapositions of, say, close-harmony brass passages and military-style snare-drum tattoos, or the composer's rousingly free piano with clarinet and flute fanfare calls.

Ehrlich's and Horvitz's compositions, by contrast, were more straightforward affairs, and two of the latter's — *New Wiz* and *Don't Stop Now* — were jewels of controlled energy, yet almost humanly accessible. It was Weiselman and Previte, however, who perhaps provided the evening's more memorable moments, the former with his short, plangent melancholic *The Montana Section*, the latter with an extended version of his *To Air*, which featured the whole band singing a wistful theme under a lyrically fluent Henry Lowther trumpet solo.

CHRIS PARKER

Party piece

CHORAL

Philharmonia / Rizzi
Festival Ha

WRITING to his publisher just before the premiere of his *Requiem*, Verdi insisted that "one mustn't sing this Mass in the way one sings an opera, and therefore phrasing and dynamics that may be fine in the theatre won't please me at all, not at all."

Easier said than done. With the prolonged drama of the *Dies Irae*, and with the *Lacrimosa* reworking a duet that was originally meant for *Don Carlos*, it is always a real challenge for both conductor and singers not to yield to operatic temptation.

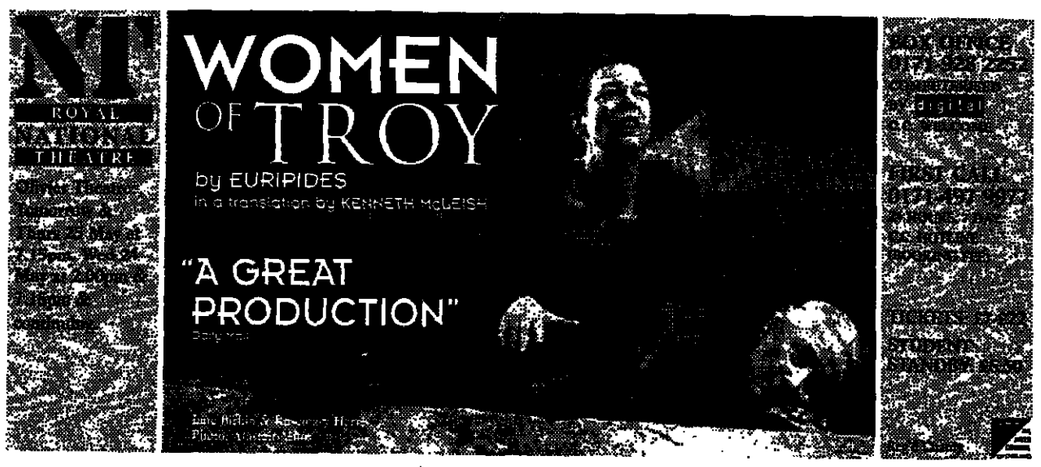
But there *is* a way, and Carlo Rizzi and his soloists found it. Rizzi's close attention to the smallest points of dynamic and rhythmic inflection, as detailed by Verdi, frequently drew the work into a close, almost intimate focus, in all but its most dramatically extrovert passages.

This work is one of the Philharmonia Chorus's great party pieces: even so, Rizzi contributed his own input to the chorus's instinct and to the admirable training of David Hill by lovingly shaping every melodic contour, concentrating on details of weight and measure within each voice's line.

Rizzi took care, too, to match the choral inflection to that of his soloists. Soprano and mezzo did not come much better-matched than Jane Eaglen and Linda Finnie, who listened and breathed closely with each other, particularly in the clear, light air of their *Agnus Dei*.

Eaglen ringed each ensemble with a bright halo of sound. Finnie sang one of the saddest and most internalised *Lacrimosas* this work has heard for some time. Alastair Miles's steady bass was a nicefoil for Dennis O'Neill's characteristically passionate and Italianate tenor. O'Neill's hushed sacrifice of prayer and praise in the *Hostias* epitomised the powerful simplicity of his performance.

HILARY FINCH



ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD



■ MUSIC

A reformed character or the same bad-boy Ivo? Pogorelich gives a piano recital at the Festival Hall

CONCERT: Tuesday
REVIEW: Thursday



■ DANCE

London City Ballet come to Sadler's Wells for one week only with Galina Samsova's staging of *Giselle*

OPENS: Tuesday
REVIEW: Friday



■ FILM

Tim Burton's brilliant bio-pic of the world's worst movie director, *Ed Wood*, is premiered in Cannes and London

OPENS: Friday
REVIEW: Thursday



■ BOOKS

Margaret Drabble's absorbing biography evokes the strange and vulnerable world of Angus Wilson

IN THE SHOPS: Now
REVIEW: Thursday

THEATRE: Putting the flop into floppy ears; intriguing corner of racial history loses the plot

Rabbit fails the comedy test

Harvey
Shaftesbury

Astonishing though the fact is, author Mary Chase won a Pulitzer Prize for this silly little play. It went on to run for four years on Broadway and almost two in London; James Stewart starred in the film, and even came over to Britain to appear in a revival 20 years ago.

I knew nothing about its plot except that the mild-mannered hero believes he has been befriended by an invisible white rabbit, six feet tall, called Harvey. The premise has promise, but how lamentably Chase betrays that promise with her frail command of stagecraft and reliance on reach-me-down supporting characters.

The plot, briefly: Elwood Dowd's sister tries to have him committed to a private sanatorium, but complications ensue and in the end she decides she would rather he continue as a genial crackpot than become cured but crabby. Along the line she has nervously admitted that occasionally she sees Harvey too, and by the end of the play the chief psychiatrist is drinking with him. Since we are shown locked doors magically opening, we are left to conclude that the rabbit, although invisible, is real: some kind of sprite who has taken on an animal form.

Presumably in 1944, when this play was written, the theatregoing public here and everywhere was in the mood for fantasy. Three years earlier, *Blithe Spirit* had shown that ghosts, although in this case visible ones, could be acceptable dramatis personae. Numerous numinous creatures have peopled the stage since then, generally malevolent because such are the times we live in, and the authors of *Una Pooka*, *Gentle Jack* and *Brimstone and Treacle* have used them to voice some comment on their times.

Chase's probable point is that we should tolerate eccentrics because they may possess a special wisdom. Seen against the other characters, who are either thuggish or superficial, Dowd's gentle decency is certainly to be preferred, but there is no suggestion he came by his goodness because of the rabbit. He is said to spend most of his time drinking in bars, although Gorden Kaye plays down this side of his character. He moves through the play, a mild, subdued fellow provided with nothing comic to say or do — or, if comedy is intended in the script, not conveying it in his performance. He is sweetly stubborn in a teddybearish sort of way and looks happy whenever his Harvey reappears, but his is not exactly a performance you would hurry up Shaftesbury Avenue to catch.

Sooner his underplaying, however, than the excesses on show around him: Ken Wynne's eccentrically wheezing judge and the eyelid-batting women. Rue McClanahan is sometimes funnyish as the twittering sister, but oh, the boring subplots, the inept exits contrived to avoid confrontations, Chase's inability to create relationships credible even in comic terms. Clifford Williams's leaden direction makes the heart sink.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MARILYN KINGWILL



In it for the bunny: television stalwarts Gorden Kaye and Rue McClanahan do their best with the faded charms of Mary Chase's 50-year-old *Harvey*

Overdone over here

The Life and Death of a Buffalo Soldier
Bristol Old Vic

IN 1944, a black GI was sentenced to death in Bristol under American law, accused of raping a local white woman. Thirty-one thousand West Country citizens petitioned for his release. Intrigued by the story, playwright David Goodland embarked on a research project that took him from the Public Record Office to interviewing veterans across the United States.

The play that has emerged offers the human, if not strictly historical, drama of Jimmy and Joyce. Goodland's GI and Bristol woman are involved in a love affair that turns sour when her sailor husband returns. Meanwhile, Goodland's investigations are grafted on to a present-day frame. Sonny (a dignified yet fierce John Amos), who is Jimmy's offspring from an abandoned American affair, decides to find out what befell his father. Stirred into indignation by his own son, Foster, a politicised college boy who chases up the government documents and newspaper cuttings on the case, he tracks down Joyce in Bristol.

The portrait of racism proves multi-layered — not just American but British too, white and black, past and present. Parallels are emphasised by Shaun Parkes (zestily slang-talking, loose-limbed or furiously shadow boxing), who doubles as Jimmy and Foster. But the play's mirroring is not always subtle and the unfolding of Jimmy's fate is too slow.

As the young Joyce, Isabel Brook is an appalling flirt. That is to say, she acts the flirt appallingly, flouncing around as if she has fleas. John Sharian is an unspeakable, splay-legged sailor. Still, Ann Rye can be comically spunky as the old Joyce, cussing through her sorrow-numbing cheap sherry. Brook also improves with time, rising to a screaming match with Jimmy when he rejects her on learning she is married. This bitter misunderstanding enrages her into crying rape.

The closing twists of the drama verge on the contrived, hurrying through Jimmy's happy release, his alarming enlistment for combat, then his sudden stabbing by the bigoted military police just as he is making it up with Joyce. Hardly has Sonny extracted the last chapter of the story from Joyce, taking back his accusations against her, than her heart gives out. Sonny is instantaneously trapped, as we hear a neighbour yelling to the cops that there is a "blackie" in Joyce's flat. The point, if not the plot, is well made. Racism continues in the city today.

KATE BASSETT

Heading the Ivor league

NEWLY touted as "The Ivors", the 40th **Ivor Novello** Awards will be handed out at the Grosvenor House in London tomorrow. There are 14 categories in all, key among them the statuette for the best contemporary song. In contest are **Blur** (*Parklife*), **Des'ree** (*You Gotta Be*) and **The Cranberries** (*Zombie*). Meanwhile, EMI are releasing a double CD, *The Ivors: The Winners*, opening with **David Whitfield**'s inaugural 1955 success, *Ev'rywhere*, and moving through the years to conclude with whatever is tomorrow's victor.

OVERTURES

● A TRIBUTE to Radio 4's late, lamented presenter, **Brian Redhead**, comes from an unlikely source. Included on *What's Inside*, the new **Joan Armatrading** album released by RCA next week, is *Shapes and Sizes*, inspired by the broadcaster's death last year.

● THESE days shows don't close, they just go on holiday. As evidence, consider this week's West End reopening of *Five Guys Named Moe*, which was assumed to have finished its five-year run in the spring but has been brought into the Albery in favour of the ill-fated **Duncan Weldon** production of *The Millionairess*. The autumn may also see a West End return for the spring's biggest hit, **Maggie Smith** in *Three Tall Women*, if she does not plump instead for the London premiere of Neil Simon's current off-Broadway play, *London Suite*.

Definitely on offer later this year are two familiar National Theatre shows: a further West End run for *An Inspector Calls*, and a November opening at the Old Vic for *The Wind in the Willows*.

● STAND-UP comedian **Eddie Izzard** — who has recently shifted to heavier fare in such plays as David Mamet's *Cryptogram* — is heading for the large screen. He will co-star with **Gérard Depardieu** and **Bob Hoskins** in *Secret Agent*, the next film from the writer and director **Christopher Hampton** (whose *Carrington* may well be one of the year's major Academy Award contenders).

● THE soundtrack of *Batman Forever*, the sequel starring **Val Kilmer**, will have a distinctly British feel. **P J Harvey**, **Seal**, **Nick Cave**, **Eddi Reader** and **Massive Attack** are among the artists included. U2 also provide a new song.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

STEVIE WONDER. The epitome of American soul music makes a one-stop visit to the UK on his European tour for two exclusive fund-raising concerts. All proceeds to the RNIB.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight and tomorrow 7.30pm

JAZZ AROUND TOWN: Jacqui Dankworth, daughter of Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, made her album debut earlier this year with her voice set against restrained percussion and vibraphone. She kicks off tonight, sharing the bill with former Miles Davis saxophonist Bob Berg. (You can see "Mum and Dad" at Scott's in Birmingham on Thursday.) Meanwhile, Carol Kidd shows off her talents for storytelling at its purest with a more traditional jazz songbook over in Knightsbridge.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (0171-439 0747). Tonight-Sat, 9.30pm. **Pizza on the Park**, Knightsbridge, SW1 (0171-235 5273). Tonight-June 3, 9.15pm and 11.15pm

SIMPATICO: Last week of performances for Sam Shepard's first play for a decade. A shared secret from long ago connects two men now living very different lives. Not vintage Shepard but powerfully acted, insightful and gripping.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: The first British concert by Japan's [illegible] Orchestra could be a revelation tonight for this last week of the **Brighton Festival**. They have certainly chosen a show-off programme, including the second suite of Ravel's Daphnis et Chloé and two modern Japanese pieces. [illegible] conducts. Other highlights for the week include The [illegible], Britten's [illegible] from Susan Davis and a closing concert from Leonard Slatkin and the Philharmonia Orchestra.
Box Office: The Dome, New Road (01273-709 709).

GLYNDEBOURNE: A second season opens in the new opera house with the first UK staging of Rossini's **Ermione**. Expectations are high as this work has been neglected for most of the last 170 years. Graham Vick directs tonight's production and Andrew Davis conducts.
Glyndebourne Opera House, Near Lewes, East Sussex (01273-812 813). Tonight and Wed, 5.50pm. Season continues until Aug 27.

SHEFFIELD: Bach and Mozart are the flavours of the week here as the annual **Chamber Music Festival** draws to a close. The Lindsay String Quartet and friends give lunchtime and evening concerts every day; look in particular for the premiere of Nicolas Bach's *Sonata Brevis — in Memoriam W. A. Mozart* on Thursday.
Crucible Studio, Norfolk Street (0114 2769922). Today-Sat, 12.45 and 7.45pm.

YORK: Alan Ayckbourn's imaginative comedy, **Woman in Mind** opens the Theatre Royal's summer season. A housewife's perfectly ordinary day is transformed by a chance encounter with a garden rake — but can all be as well, perfect as it seems? With Rosemary McHale, John Abbott and Thomas Lockyer.
Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place, (01904 623568). Opens tonight, 8pm then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm. Until June 10.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: European Applied Arts Galleries (0171-636 1555) **Hayward**: Landscapes of France (0171-928 3144) **National Gallery**: Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) **Serpentine**: Mark Wallinger (0171-402 6075) **Tate**: Art Now, new gallery space (0171-887 8000) **V & A**: Prints of the Raphael Cartoons (938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ABSOLUTE HELL**: Set in a drinking club in the summer of 1945, Rodney Ackland's neglected state-of-an-odd-nation comedy is played by a top-class cast headed by Judi Dench and Greg Hicks.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm, opens tomorrow, 7pm.

◩ **DEALER'S CHOICE**: Patrick Marber's fascinating poker drama, transferred from the National. Funny one-liners abound, along with perceptions of the roots of gambling.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

□ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**: Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. Philip Franks directs Greenwich Theatre's sell-out success.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE**: The joint is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens May 25.

□ **JEFFREY**: Christopher Villiers plays a New Yorker tuned in to total abstinence. Tim Luscombe directs Paul Rudnick's Off-Broadway hit with a million camp quips.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until June 10.

□ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE**: Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5.30pm.

□ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production from last year's Stratford. The outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and Tue, 7.15pm.

□ **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS**: O'Casey's tremendous tragi-comedy, in a justly acclaimed revival by Joe Dowling's all-Irish company.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5510). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW**: The Undead pose and prance again. Brad, Jane, Frank N Furter and Riff-Raff back in the West End for the umpteenth time. Robin Cousins and Nicholas Parsons in the company.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm.

◩ **TRUE LINES**: Beautifully acted devised play of tragi-comic tone: four young Irish travellers, uneasy on four continents and looking for guidelines.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ◩ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . □ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . □ **In Praise of Love**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . ◩ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) . . □ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . □ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . . ■ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . □ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15): Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway; written and directed by Jeremy Leven.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

ROB ROY (15): Lavish but fusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero and Tim Roth heading the baddies. Michael Caton-Jones directs, with Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox.
Odeon Leicester Sq (01426-915 683)

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All eyes turn to Saturn



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

FROM today, the rings of Saturn are edge-on when viewed from the Earth. For the next few months, astronomers have an opportunity that arises only once every 15 years or so to observe the planet unblinded by the light from the rings.

Two astronomers eager to exploit the opportunity are Dr Carl Murray and Dr Mitch Gordon, of Queen Mary and Westfield College in London. Last year, they reported the possible existence of seven previously-unknown moons of Saturn, to add to the 18 already known.

They discovered the moons by painstakingly sifting through 20,000 images of Saturn sent back more than ten years ago by the Voyager 2 spacecraft. Since then they have had second thoughts, and reduced the number they are claiming to five — but if they turn out to be right, they will be the first UK-based astronomers to detect a satellite since Philibert Melotte, of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, discovered Pasiphae, a moon of Jupiter, in 1908.

"These are very small satellites and they are far too faint to be seen on a regular basis from Earth," says Dr Murray. To try to confirm their existence, the two astronomers will be making long exposures of the planet with the 4.2-metre William Herschel telescope in Las Palmas, hoping that some of the images will contain tiny dots representing moons which are no more than about 20-30 kilometres across.

The event that begins today is known as a ring-plane crossing. Of the 18 known moons of Saturn, 13 of them have been discovered at such times, Dr Murray says. But oddly, the disappearance of the rings is also a good chance to learn more about them. When the glare of the main rings disappeared in 1966 and 1980, a whole new diffuse ring — the E ring — and five new moons were discovered.

The planets of Saturn lie in the same plane as the rings, so their orbits will also be edge-on to us. This provides a chance to watch them passing in front of one another. In 1997, the Cassini-Huyghens spacecraft will be launched on a roundabout route to Saturn, where it is due to arrive in 2004. One part of the probe is designed to be detached and land by parachute on Titan, the most fascinating of Saturn's moons.

Dr Murray plans to watch this summer as the moon Dione passes in front of Titan. "There is a new infra-red camera attached to the Herschel telescope, and if we watch at the right wavelength, and know at any moment where Dione is, we should be able to use the information to get a more precise map of the southern hemisphere of Titan. This will then be used to plan the landing site for the Huyghens probe."

Titan has a thick atmosphere made up of nitrogen and methane, and may have oceans of liquid ethane and methane. Pictures taken by the Hubble space telescope show that it also has a mysterious feature about the size of Australia on its surface, but whether this is ocean or continent remains obscure. Until the satellite arrives in 2004, it is unlikely that all the questions can be answered, but this year's ring-plane crossing will give astronomers a start.

Branch lines



WORKING out the age of ancient trees while they are still standing has long been a matter of guesswork, but now the Forestry Commission reckons it has devised a much more reliable method. It involves no drilling or cutting, so is ideal for prize specimens too precious to be damaged.

The method, described by the commission's research dendrologist John White in the current issue of *Tree News*, depends on measuring the girth of the tree at breast height. So long as the tree is alive, this dimension increases every year, but not at a consistent rate. Not only can poor seasons reduce the growth rate, but a tree also goes through different cycles of growth at different ages.

Much of the research has been done on oak in England, which shows a very consistent pattern. For about the first tenth of their life-span, oaks produce wide, even growth rings, but then, when their crown is fully-developed, they shift gear. From then on, the rings tend to become narrower, simply because the amount of new wood produced by a fixed crown is spread over a larger area. In old age, rings decline even further.

While the tree stands, of course, none of this can be seen, but the patterns have enabled the commission's experts to prepare tables from which age can be calculated by knowing the species, its setting, and its girth at breast height.

Grin tidings



THE people of Herculaneum, who met a sticky end when Vesuvius erupted in 79AD, at least went to their untimely graves with healthy teeth. An Italian team of dentists and pathologists say that despite a diet rich in honey, the remains of 53 skeletons from Herculaneum it has examined show little evidence of tooth decay. The secret was a water supply containing plenty of fluoride.

The team, led by Dr Gino Fornaciari, of the University of Pisa, has studied 1,275 teeth from the people who died when Herculaneum was overwhelmed along with Pompeii. Only 49 of the teeth showed decay, the scientists report in *The Lancet*.

This is a much lower proportion than in other ancient populations, and barely a third of the decay suffered by people in Roman Britain. The team is convinced that fluoride was responsible because many of the teeth show the kind of changes which can be caused by excessive amounts of fluoride.

Measurements of the amount of fluoride in the tooth enamel also produce very high values, a finding supported by the fact that there is a lot of fluoride in the water-bearing strata at Herculaneum. There is, however, little in the soil, ruling out contamination.

Just two of the skeletons failed to show high fluoride levels. These, the authors speculate, were the unluckiest victims of all: members of the Roman aristocracy who happened to be staying at their villas in Herculaneum the very day Vesuvius erupted.

The biologist who found a wider stage

Hugh Aldersey-Williams talks to Dr Nancy Lane about advising Whitehall, and Tom Stoppard's plays

MICHAEL POWELL



Dr Nancy Lane working in her laboratory at Cambridge: she says she has found her acting experience an invaluable help in the lecture theatre

As a postgraduate at Oxford, Nancy Lane would leave her laboratory where she was working on the nerve cells of molluscs, to rehearse with her OUDS contemporaries such as Michael York, Terry Jones, Esther Rantzen and Oliver Ford Davis. "I think all the others were arts students," she recalls, "and with much more flexible timetables than mine. It meant I had to try to be incredibly efficient. I would nip back from rehearsals to finish off my work late in the evening.

"The other actors didn't consider me as a scientist. They accepted me as one of the gang." She went on to be a research scientist, specialising in intercellular junctions in invertebrates, but believes her experience in the theatre has been immensely helpful as a lecturer. "You learn how to handle yourself on a stage. I think all academics should have that experience — at the moment they get no training at all in lecturing. And, of course, speaking your own words, rather than a playwright's, adds to the tension."

Dr Lane was born in Nova Scotia, in Canada, to a civil servant father and schoolteacher mother. Neither was a scientist. She was an all-rounder at school and, fortunately for her, the Canadian high school system did not force the early specialisation that occurs here. "Somehow I felt, rightly or wrongly, that I could keep up arts subjects on my own at university, but not the science because it is so technical."

After Oxford, she studied briefly in America and then gained a fellowship at Girton College, Cambridge, in 1968 and has been doing research in the university's Department of Zoology ever since. She met her husband, Richard Perham, "over an electron microscope" shortly after arriving (he is now a professor and head of the Biochemistry Department).

She did not drop out when she had children, taking only five months' maternity leave in all for the births of her daughter and son. "I knew that if I left for longer then someone else would take over the position. One had to throw oneself back into lab work." It was particularly tough, she admitted, since her son, Quentin, has cerebral palsy.

Her life as a career scientist and mother widened in the 1980s. One day she read in a newspaper that the Society of West End Theatres was looking for judges to serve on the Olivier Awards panel. "They wanted people to write in and say what plays they'd seen. So I did." She was a judge from 1988-90. "I must have seen around 110 different performances over that time. I hardly missed a play. I would work on the train coming down, go to the theatre, then work again going home." David Hare's *Racing Demon*, the first in his trilogy, won an award. "I admire his writing." She wishes that Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* had been on then. "It is such an interesting commentary on the maths that gave rise to chaos theory. And splendidly he gives the gift of mathematics to a girl."

She so enjoyed her trips to London, and the sense of participating in a wider life than the university, that, on the suggestion of a friend who worked in the City, she allowed her name to go forward to headhunting firms specialising in filling non-executive directorships. She is now a non-exec with Smith & Nephew, the international healthcare company which manufactures state-of-the-art wound dressings, plaster casts, and orthopaedic devices such as artifical hips. "Academics so often don't appreciate the need to generate wealth and make marketable products, while businessmen frequently don't understand the need for fundamental research," she says.

It was as result of this new involvement in commerce, she assumes, that the chief executive of Boots rang her in Washington at the National Institutes for Health, where she was collaborating on research to find an animal model for Alzheimer's disease, and asked her to join John Major's advisory panel on the Citizen's Charter.

"Suddenly, I was flung into the Cabinet Office with frequent meetings with this huge team of civil servants on the Citizen's Charter." Talking to the Prime Minister, she mentioned the forthcoming White Paper on science policy and hoped it would have something to say about making science more attractive to women and encouraging employers to get rid of glass ceilings.

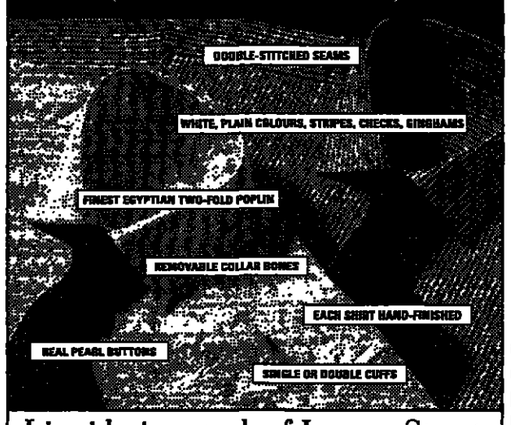
Mr Major took her comment to heart. Even though the mandarins thought that evidence of a shortage of women in science could be merely anecdotal, wheels were set in motion to gather hard data. Dr Lane went on to chair the working party on women in science, engineering and technology which resulted in its report, *The Rising Tide*, early last year.

As many girls start off doing biological science as boys, she says, but science teachers appear to spend more time on the boys. At every stage of secondary and tertiary education, a proportion of women drop out. The same attrition is visible in career science. Dr Lane's younger female research colleagues complain that they find too few openings.

Only one senior academic researcher in ten is a woman; only one in 50 becomes a professor. One of the report's practical consequences is a small unit in the Cabinet Office whose job is to monitor the progress of women in science. It has begun assembling a central catalogue of databases of women doing reasonably senior work in science, engineering and technology, so that there can be no excuse for not having women represented on advisory boards and quangos. It will also liaise with Opportunity 2000, which is encouraging employers to make sure that women are not overlooked for promotion.

Dr Lane has recently been to hear the actress Fiona Shaw delivering a lecture in Cambridge on the challenge of playing different parts. She could surely have given it herself, for she is now collaborating with a television screen writer on a soap with a scientific theme and, of course, lots of parts for women. But first she is off to David Hare's, *Skylight*??, the new production of *The Plough and the Stars*, and "I must see Fiona Shaw playing Richard II at the National".

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A giant heart to our galaxy

A natural 'zoom lens' may provide evidence that a huge black hole lies at the centre of the Milky Way

Does a black hole lie at the centre of our galaxy? Nature, by providing its own zoom lens, may soon enlighten us.

The centre lies about 27,000 light years from Earth. Visible light coming from the heart of the galaxy is no good to astronomers because it is absorbed by dust shrouding the galactic centre. But infra-red light and radio waves, both of which have longer wavelengths than visible light, can pierce the dust and tell us at least a little about the depths from which they emerge. This is where the excitement begins.

By far the most furious radio emitter at the Milky Way's heart is a celestial object that astronomers have christened Sagittarius A*, or SA for short. SA appears to anchor everything else in the galaxy, including an estimated 100 billion stars, and could measure anything up to 10 AU across (1 AU is the Earth-Sun distance). SA is the only object in our galaxy which appears to be at rest with respect to everything else around it.

In the early Seventies, British astronomers suggested that SA might be a black hole. The strong radio waves emitted could be the death throes of gas that whizzes round the holes before being sucked in.

The black hole would have formed, say astronomers, in much the same way as any other black hole. A star near the galactic centre would have collapsed, leaving a core the size of several suns. This would have quickly swelled to perhaps millions of solar masses as nearby stars were swallowed up.

The problem is that astronomers cannot simply point to a greedy void in the galaxy and pronounce it a black hole. The beasts cannot be seen at any wavelengths because nothing, not even light, can escape their gargantuan gravitational pull.



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And rather than sprawling their huge masses over detectable distances, black holes are incredibly small and compact. The only ones that researchers point to with any confidence are those which produce an effect on nearby objects.

The most promising candidates tend to be one partner in a binary system. The companion star steadily loses material to the black hole, but this material does not get sucked in straightaway. It spirals in gradually, producing distinctive high energy signals, mainly X-ray.

Such signals have been spotted coming from the galactic centre. Furthermore, they can be traced back with good accuracy to SA, leading to the assumption that material is circling SA at great speed. And there, astronomers insist, you have it. SA *must* be a black hole. And, because SA is the only galactic object to stay still with respect to everything else, it must be an absolutely enormous black hole to boot.

But the prosecution evidence must stand up to the defence's alibi. In this case, an alibi has come from astronomers who decry the idea of a multimillion solar mass black hole. The huge mass that lies at the galactic centre, they say, belongs not to a black hole but to a nearby group of stars. Extreme proponents of this theory even argue that there may be no black hole there at all.

This is where nature's zoom lens comes in. If there is a light source behind an object, light rays passing either side are bent by its gravity before being seen by an observer. This effect, known as gravitational lensing, was first discussed by Einstein in 1919. Multiple images result, and observers can work out the mass of the object from how far apart these images are.

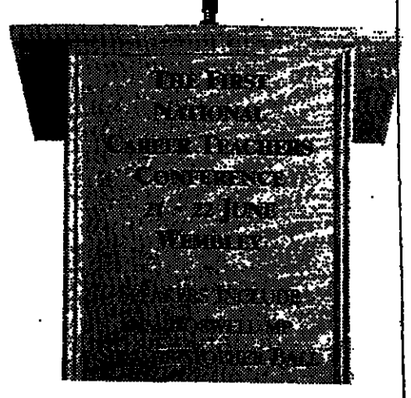
Astronomers have taken an educated guess that out of the millions of stars that surround SA, there will be one lying behind it to provide light that can be lensed. "It's definitely the way to go," says Farhad Yusef-Zadeh, an American astronomer quoted in the latest issue of *Astronomy*.

The astronomers will have to work in the infra-red region. Experts estimate that infra-red detectors will soon be sensitive enough to resolve images from as far away as SA.

If SA turns out to possess upwards of a million solar masses, then it would be a big leap forward for black hole aficionados. The only black holes which astronomers have "seen" are small-fry in comparison, measuring perhaps up to 20 solar masses.

SA would then be a supermassive black hole. Such objects are thought to lie at the centres of some distant galaxies. Now one may also be sitting motionless at the heart of our own.

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Julia Llewellyn Smith goes to the Cannes Film Festival in search of glamour and adventure — and finds both

The chat up line is simple: What films have you seen?


RICHARD BAKER

The daily poolside circus at the Festival gets under way: everyone in this overcrowded town could be a star, a tart, a pony-tailed producer — or a petty thief as it turns out



Among the barside drifters no one is ever married

THE AIR is full of the scent of mimosa, the bay is jammed with floating fun palaces and from the hills Cannes is glittering like Elizabeth Taylor's cleavage on Oscar night. My taxi meter is running at the speed of sound. My driver is worried, although not for my wallet. "*C'est pas byeng, mademoiselle*," he bemoans, in his local nasal twang. "*Pourquoi vous n'arrivez pas dans un avion privé et restes au Majestic?*" He said it. I would have loved to have arrived in company Lear. Although the crowd aboard BA353 Heathrow to Nice was hand your normal holiday fodder. Instead of Judith Krantz novels, everyone clutched a copy of *Variety*, magazine. Instead of sponge-bags full of *Diareze* and Dashoff, vanity cases overflowed with eyelash curlers and the black nail polish Uma Thurman wore in *Pulp Fiction*.

They could also have been far quarter at the Majestic, slap bang on La Croisette, Cannes' golden mile, rather than at the Mercure, which is [illegible] for the Festival, the beach and the bizarreries of this modern-day Sodom, Le Mercure, in the heart of an industrial estate, is excellent for the Habitat, Ikea and Toys 'R' Us of the Côte d'Azure. La Croisette is a shopper's paradise for a designer junkie, Le Mercure for a DIY fanatic.

But *que voulez-vous*? This is Festival, when 30,000 producers, directors, buyers, critics, actors, journalists, tarts and thieves descend on this town, once the playground of the British aristocracy.

Every hotel room is heaving with pony-tailed producers making deals, actresses emptying their cans of hairspray into the ozone layer and harassed publicists trying to organise an interview for Patsy Kensit with MTV Lebanon. In the Majestic's Salon Croisette, the British press are *sniggering* as they ask Pamela Anderson of *Baywatch* what "assets" she can bring to her new film *Barb Wire*. Every broom cupboard was let out for telephone number figures months ago. I am lucky to have anywhere to stay at all.

It is morning, my friends aren't arriving until tonight. But it soon becomes clear that alone is not a word that translates into Cannois. As I walk along the Croisette I realise that I might as well have stepped onto a catwalk, with the words "for sale" chalked by some practical joker on my back. This is the biggest audition on earth.

Who knows if the next man to mutter in your ear is a day tripper from Nice, a rep from the porno contingent at the Noga Hilton or Quentin Tarantino recovering from some plastic surgery? Better be nice to everybody. Think of François Truffaut who arrived here one year and was refused accreditation and turned up the next to pick up the Palme d'Or.

Two hundred yards down the strip, I am gazing at a girl in a fun coat miming to a pop [illegible] with cameras taps me on the shoulders: "*Mademoiselle, vous etes modèle?*" No? well, I should be apparently. He has been following me all the way along the beach, taking my photograph. He would like to offer me a contract with his agency, can we do some shots now? It's not as flattering as it sounds. He takes my photo, develops the prints and the following day charges me millions of francs for my [illegible] such warmth.



Baywatch actress Pamela Anderson poses: the press corps sniggers at "her assets"

Henri obviously thinks so. He slips beside me as I sit decoding the festival programme in a bar and a low alcohol beer appears. "*Quels films avez vous vu?*" It's the standard chat-up line. After all, there can be no nice girls in a place like this. "*Pas de films, et vous?*" I ask, hoping this might be a member of the jury who can slip me in to some of the hottest screenings. "Oh, I am a local chartered surveyor. I have nothing to do with the festival. I just wanted to show you the Côte d'Azure."

"Lovely. Tomorrow, perhaps," I say, edging away. "No, tomorrow's the weekend, I *must* stay wiz my wife and family."

At least he used the "W" word. Wives are to Cannes what Sharon Stone is to the later works of Strindberg. "They don't fit in here," one famous French film director tells a fellow British journalist. She asks him if there are any parties she should be looking out for. "Eet is one story [illegible] English girl at [illegible] talk to me with a famous French director." He gives her a meaningful look, she makes her excuses and leaves.

Idris, without asking, slips beside me as I wait for my friends in the Gray d'Albion bar. A glass of Kir champagne is pressed into my hands. His best friend is the Sheikh of Kuwait and he loves Tramp nightclub in London. Idris has a wife, she likes shopping. At least, I think that is what he said. Idris is Moroccan, he is so drunk it is impossible to understand him in French or English. I doze off as he bangs on, jerking awake when he asks me a question, which he then kindly answers for me. "You ... Festival .... actress, blah. Best friend — King of Morocco." Be this as it may, I decide I simply must powder my nose. "I'll be back in a minute," I say, collecting my coat and bag. "Then we have dinner," slurs Idris and I dash out into the night.

It might be worth it if someone would offer me a part in a film, but I seem fated to attract the flotsam of Cannes, who float round the glamorous fringes, like sewage around the Carlton beach pier. Still, I am discovering that the joy of this place is that anybody could be anybody.

I have strutted onto a catwalk with 'For Sale' on my back

My friend sits next to Tom Conti in a bar and knows she knows him from somewhere. "You are my screen idol," she says diplomatically and he looks chuffed to bits. "A starlet," say two men as I walk past them in the Carlton bar.

Two men approach me on the Carlton Terrace. "You work in films?" Yes, I lie happily. *Bon, parce que nous sommes acteurs.* It turns out these two midgets are looking for parts in action movies. Half an hour later they are following me down the street. "Please! We come to find you for audition, *demain*?"

I give them Idris's card, which I find in my pocket, tell them he is my boss and to contact him at his hotel before 7am. I pity Catherine Zeta Jones, formerly of *The Darling Buds of May*, now starring in an "English surfer movie" (yes really) called *Blue Juice*. Some sheikh offered to put her up in the Hotel du Cap with her boyfriend. All she had to do was promise to have one dinner with him. She declined and doesn't turn up for the premiere. The film's rather good, it's certainly the only one I am likely to see in Cannes. Most press screenings are at 8.30am and we all know the story of the critic shaken to life in his cinema seat, to be told "stop snoring, you're keeping the rest of us awake".

At the *Blue Juice* party at the Hilton Beach I sip a turquoise cocktail, which Dan, a Canadian buyer, tells me is the same colour as my eyes. My eyes are bright red. Dan is a liar and when I ask him exactly what kind of films he buys, he starts talking about how much he loves England and the Queen. "Oh, he's the biggest porn king in Cannes," my friend says when I show her his card. "And did you see his wedding ring?"

Cannes is about as genuine as Pamela Anderson's breasts but it is as enticing as her baby-doll face. I have about the same chance of finding sincerity here as I do of finding my bag, which is snatched, wallet, passport and all, from the party, when my back is turned for less than a second.

I go to the Hilton to report the theft. The English concierge, Mark, initially refuses to call my hotel, to tell them to cancel my room card. He will not help me to find a number to cancel my credit cards. The French concierge is charming and helpful. Mark learns that I work for *The Times* and suddenly starts to smile and fawn. I go to the police station. It is 3am. How will I get home without my passport, I ask pathetically. "Why would you want to do that?" says one of the jolly policemen. "You are in Cannes. Stay here at least for tomorrow night and come out on a date with me."

When an unhappy man can't cry for help

Male suicide has increased in the past decade. What can women do?

It is always dangerous to generalise about despair. But if anybody has a right to offer statistics on it, it is the Samaritans; and they have done so. *Behind the Mask* is their latest report, and its subject is men. We should heed it.

Women's suicides have halved since 1982, men's — always more common — have multiplied until they are four times as likely. The majority are between 35 and 44. Most at risk are men not living with wives, the unskilled and unemployed, and by contrast the stressed professionals; also health workers, vets and farmers who have the means to hand. Men are more implacably efficient and determined than women, choosing methods which are grimly certain to succeed, rather than the "cry for help" overdose.

The Samaritans give these figures, and the rest of us must try to make sense of them. We were assisted, ironically, by the news on the same day of the sentencing of Ian Lumb, the assistant bank manager who spent seven months on the run in France with £94,020 of cashpoint money.

Mr Lumb is mercifully still alive, but nearly wasn't: his story illustrates only too well a certain kind of male mid-life despair, not irrelevant to the figures above.

He was a cheerful man, life and soul of the golf club. He spent money freely, as optimists will, on designer labels and trinkets and stock market adventures. His employers chided him for debt; for two years he daydreamed about running away. At last he did it, and vanished into France.

Two months on, he began sending money to his family, and a trail of rueful postcards recalling favourite holidays. "I had fish soup here again ... This is where you ate the brain of something ..."; then "You're better off without me" and talk of suicide. He returned money to the bank (nearly all of it, in the end). At last, with Christmas coming, he prepared to die in a hotel bedroom, and rang home to hear his wife's voice on the answering machine one last time. His daughter, aged 13, answered and said into the silence: "Dad, I love you, don't hang up." So he came home, and submitted to the long processes which have led to a two-year jail sentence.



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'Dad, I love you, don't hang up'

He has apologised, and refrained from setting his lawyer to deliver any pleas for clemency on the ground of his mental state. He is *taking it like a man*. The story, especially the child's role in it, uncannily echoes the plot of a recent novel. *A Ship Called Hope* by Robert Mawson: the first contemporary Aga-saga to address, from a male point of view, such a crisis.

For a woman, it is an instructive read: just as the Lumb case is instructive, and the fiasco of the phoney Laird of Tomintoul. Women ought to study these things and identify echoes of the same feelings in sons, husbands and brothers. We have become too preoccupied with women's special imbalances and anguishes, forgetting men's. Look at *The Politician's Wife* on TV: every nuance of the wife's agony is electrically portrayed by Juliet Stevenson, while her husband remains a cardboard bastard, heartless even towards his small son. It would have been possible to let him display the discomfort any human being feels when letting other people down. But no; we only want to see the woman, for that is today's angle. Just as we must "Take Our Daughters to Work" but not our sons; just as we *rejoice loudly when* girls outstrip boys in exams, never giving a thought to what little boys must feel about such braggadocio.

True, women have spent much of history being treated as inferior; equality is overdue. But if even the ANC can practise *magnanimity* in victory, so can we. Just because men ignored and belittled women's feelings for centuries there is no reason we should do it to them.

Boys and men have particular areas of fragility; women should know them, just as men should know about the menopause. There is pride, particularly the pride of supporting a family; losing even the lousiest job hits men irrationally hard. There is stoicism, which is often mistaken by exasperated women for not having any feelings at all. There is paternal tenderness, equal to but quite distinct from the maternal kind. There is the urge to gamble and the fear of losing face.

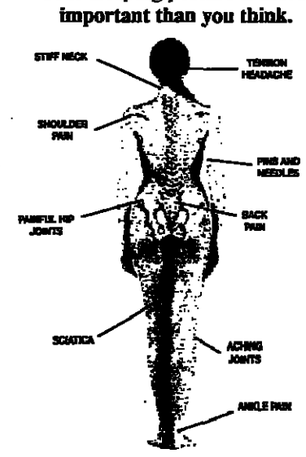
In times of high unemployment and fragile marriage (most separations are instigated by women) these tendencies can make men do stupid, incomprehensible things ranging from joyless infidelities to embezzlement, *flight and suicide*.

But not every man wants to bang tom-toms in the woods or become a womanish confider. Some cannot even listen to *The Locker Room* on Radio 4, regarding with horrified embarrassment all this loose chat about feelings. But unless their partners, mothers, sisters and colleagues recognise this difference and the dangers it brings; unless we have the *instinct to do what Ian Lumb's* young daughter did and say the only words that matter at the moments that matter, there will be more lonely unexpected deaths.

The tragedy is that even if we do everything right, some will still be inconsolable, and die. But in their memory, all that the rest of us can do is to try, and keep on trying, to call them back.

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■ Aids and HIV have been used by gays to claim public sympathy; but they should be claiming respect

Last week I went to see *My Night with Reg* in the West End. This is no place for a theatre review of a funny and accurate characterisation of six all-too-real gay stereotypes. It was brilliant. The plot, however, was lightweight: strung together on the emerging realisation that all six had enjoyed unsafe sex with an HIV-positive man. Subliminally, the play was being sold as "important" for that reason.

But it wasn't important for that reason. I actually became vaguely irritated with the Aids element. Something I have been wanting to write for years resurfaced. I keep shying away from its expression but it has resurfaced so often now that I think it cannot be whimsical or thoughtless, nor as harsh as it sounds, so — hopeful, though not confident, of being understood — I shall try to explain.

In the cause of any group, we should be very careful before we link the group in the popular imagination to tragedy or suffering. It can be an easy way of winning the immediate argument, yet subtly degrades the status and self-belief of those for whom we argue. I am unhappy about the embrace between gay activism and Aids.

If I had been a bolder or better-looking young man in the early 1980s, I would be dead now. I know very well I have been lucky. I mourn those who have died. I respect what Aids and HIV workers and charities do.

But Aids is an illness. It is a terrible illness, one of many, but should it be allowed to define or characterise the groups who may, if unlucky or careless, be susceptible? Should the appreciation of wine walk arm in arm, in our imaginations, with cirrhosis of the liver? Is heterosexual love to be celebrated by wearing ribbons for the tens of millions who have died of syphilis?

Being gay is not a viral condition. Homosexuality is not a disease. It has nothing to do with a disease. It is not, to me, even a misfortune. It should not be linked with sorrow, suffering or death: but with life, and happiness. Do we see the hundreds of millions who have died of syphilis as martyrs to heterosexual love? Does a good cause need martyrs?

The impetus to martyrdom has grown powerfully within the gay movement, and there are reasons. There was a justified fear that unless we made a fuss about HIV, a vast health issue might never get the urgent attention it needed. But there were also anxieties and angers which, although they found in HIV an easy focus, arose from deeper internal insecurities. Any gay man will tell you that between giving a blood sample and receiving the results, a desperate conviction that the news must be bad keeps welling up, although logic tells him otherwise.

There is also self-pity. Scratch the skin of many militant gay men, and you will find it. And there is guilt: self-reproach (along with bisexuality) is downplayed in politically correct gay discourse, but few of us have escaped as far or as fast from the morality of our childhood as we wish to believe.

This tangle of responses — anger, anxiety, guilt and self-pity — has converged upon the mythology of plague with a readiness which is almost macabre. We find in HIV both totem and rallying cry. In some gay company one is left with the impression that HIV-positive status is the Distinguished Service Medal of the movement. Aids its Victoria Cross. If you're not ill, or have lost no friends to Aids, you're not in the fullest sense gay. People recite with woeful satisfaction the list of names crossed from their address books. Homosexuality and Death meet in a grizzly embrace.

> Those who want to dignify homosexual love should resist the embrace of death

That the moral Right has taken up with relish that very embrace ought to trouble gay activists more. But there is a final, powerful reason why activists have welcomed the embrace: a reason cannily cognisant of modern PR wisdom. In our campaign to raise the dignity and status of same-sex love, Aids serves to short-cut the moral argument. "Pity us" is a powerful appeal. It can be slid, unnoticed, to "support us".

This is cheating. It frustrates those who want to make the morally conservative case against homosexual equality, and their frustration emerges in pseudo-scientific arguments against HIV spending, or health-awareness campaigns. This is dangerous ground, but we forced them onto it. Who, after all, but the most insensitive can refuse pity or support if death threatens millions? Hollywood, famously intolerant of homosexuality, easily accepts the Aids ribbon as a fashion accessory.

That is why in the 1950s and 1960s, authors who wished to introduce sympathetic homosexual roles into their work would square their audience by arranging suicide at the end. We used to kill ourselves. Now we die of Aids. Those of us who aim to raise the dignity and status of gay men should ask ourselves whether our crusade still needs to advance by clasping death to its bosom.

Bosnia is still a flashpoint, and all-out war could strain the Western alliance to breaking point

Conflicts of interest, interests of conflict

William Rees-Mogg

The whole world of peace and security ended on June 28, 1914, when the heir to the Austrian throne was murdered at Sarajevo. After a hundred years of substantial, though not unbroken peace, European civilisation was shattered by the First World War, and within a further 21 years the Second World War followed as the aftershock. Now Europe is once again trying to contain a Bosnian conflict. Because the containment has so far been relatively successful, the people of Europe are strangely complacent about the continuation of a war which has already lasted for four years and caused tens of thousands of casualties. They should not be. The war is again becoming more intense, and the future of the UN peacekeeping force is in serious doubt. Neither Britain nor France, the main providers of the UN troops, is prepared to see its forces become hostages or targets; if their casualties rise they will have to be withdrawn.

The peacekeeping force has done a great deal of good; it is indeed a classic example of the use of relatively small numbers of highly trained men to save lives. In some areas it has been possible to restart something like normal life inside safe zones. Even these are now threatened. Europe, as well as Bosnia, has every reason to be grateful for the work of these soldiers in dangerous and often harsh conditions. Famine, as well as many massacres, has been prevented by their presence. But they are a peacekeeping force. If they are made a target, they cannot fight back and will not be able to stay. If the warring tribes of Bosnia are determined to fight to the finish, the UN does not have the capacity to prevent them.

The comparison with 1914 is not inappropriate. Now, as then, Sarajevo is on the fault-line of the ethnic and religious divisions of the Balkans. Now, as then, the European powers are connected by ties of history and sympathy to different tribes in Bosnia. In 1914, the Serbs in Bosnia were the allies of Serbia, Russia and Greece; the Croats were the allies of Germany and Austria; the Bosnian Muslims were supported against the Serbian threat by Turkey. The pattern formed by these powers in 1914 has been repeated in the 1990s. The break-up of the old Yugoslavia was precipitated by German pressure for recognition of the independence of Croatia and Slovenia, which were Slav provinces of Austro-Hungary for many centuries. Serbia supports the Bosnian Serbs, though President Milosevic now wants peace. Russia supports Serbia. Turkey and the Islamic powers support the Bosnian Muslims; Greece supports the Orthodox Serbs. The traditional line-up of the religious and ethnic groups has not changed.

In 1914, France's alliance with Russia, and Britain's alliance with France, pulled both of them onto the Serbian side. That has not happened in the 1990s, because France is now allied to Germany rather than to Russia. British and French public opinion was rightly outraged by the Serbian aggression earlier in the war. Even so, British and French policy is pro-peace rather than pro-Bosnia. The British and French Governments do not want to see Russia or Greece humiliated, and fear an extension of the war if no settlement can be reached. Both the Bosnian Muslims and Turkey have resented this attitude, and there has been criticism of Britain and France for what has been regarded as a negative leaning to the Serbian side. They both regard their attitude as a positive leaning to peace.

The United States was not involved in 1914. By the time the Americans joined the First World War, in 1917, the issues had broadened and changed, and nobody was thinking much about Serbs, Bosnians or archdukes any more. In the 1990s, American policy has been concerned with two objectives: to support Bosnia as the victim of aggression, and to avoid any risk of American casualties. There are no American ground troops in Bosnia, and there are not going to be. America's sense of outrage against Serb aggression is certainly justifiable, but American policy has seemed to disregard the explosive pressure of the religious and ethnic differences of Bosnia and of the whole Balkan area.

Italy eventually joined the First World War on the side of Britain, France, Russia and therefore of Serbia. Italy has cool relations with the German-supported state of Slovenia, and somewhat less than warm feelings for the Croats. Bosnia is far closer to Italy than it is to Britain, and Italy would certainly not welcome a knockout victory for either the Serbs or the Muslims. The Mediterranean countries — France, Italy and Spain — see the Bosnian war far more in terms of the future pressure from Islam than we do. The whole southern shore of the Mediterranean consists of Islamic countries, some of which, like Algeria, are very unstable. The politics of Islam have now become part of the domestic politics of the European Mediterranean countries, and are therefore part of the domestic politics of the European Union.

In diplomatic terms, one of the dangers of the war in Bosnia is that it will break the alliances. There are significant differences of attitude inside the European Union, with Germany and Austria being pro-Croat, and Greece pro-Serb. There are much greater differences inside Nato, with the United States and Turkey supporting the Bosnian Muslims. In Washington, the Republicans support the Bosnian Muslims even more strongly than the Administration itself.

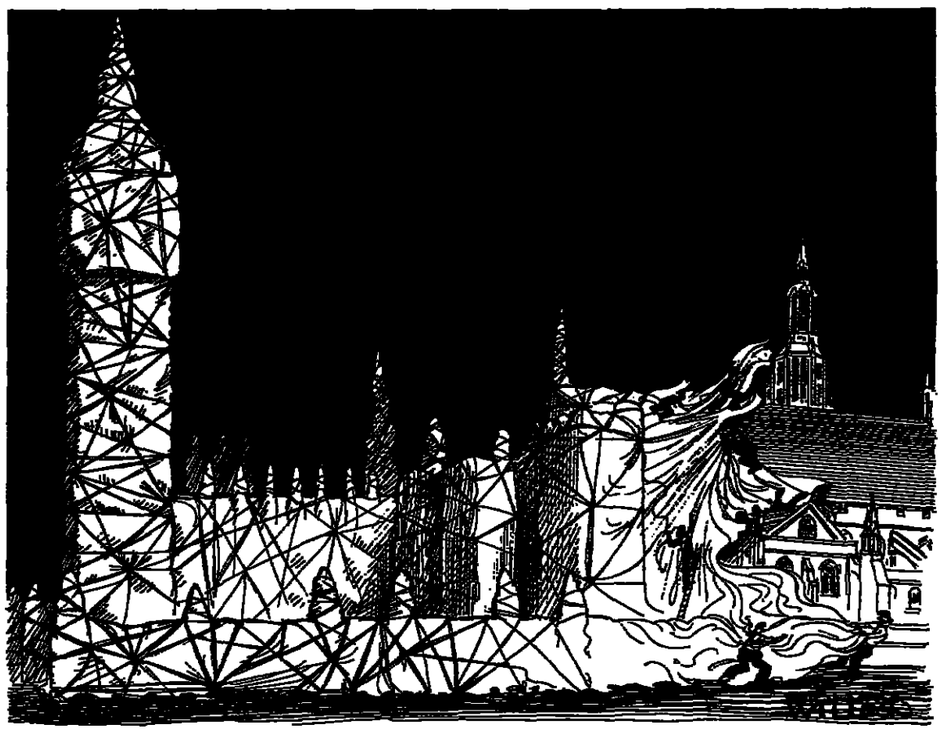
If the peacekeeping force does have to be withdrawn, and the war becomes much more intense, the Bosnian Muslims would have support from the whole Islamic world and from the United States, but the Bosnian Serbs would be able to look to Serbia, Russia and Greece. The Croats would be supported by Germany. Britain and France would be trying to maintain their position of neutrality. The West would be divided, but the Western system of alliances would be in danger. That is the threat to the EU and to Nato.

An even greater danger is that Bosnia is yet another battle on the 2,000-mile border between Russia and Islam. The Russian empire broke up after it was defeated in Afghanistan. The Russians are now fighting with great brutality to suppress Chechenia. A defeat in Bosnia would be regarded as intolerable by Russian nationalists. It could draw Russia back into the Slav area of Eastern Europe, following the tendency for Russian influence to be restored in parts of the former Soviet Union. It could lead to a new military regime in Russia, which is already a strong possibility. The Anglo-French policy towards Bosnia has differed from America's partly because we have given much greater weight to the Russian dimension of the war. Washington has throughout been more concerned with the issue of aggression.

The situation in 1914 differed greatly in one respect from that of the 1990s. German policy then was pro-war. The murder in Sarajevo became a pretext for German aggression against France and Russia. No outside power wants war today; all very much want peace. Nevertheless, the religious and ethnic fault-lines have not changed: Sarajevo is where the Catholic Germanic world, the Slav Orthodox world and the Islamic world meet. If the warring tribes now push out the peacekeeping force and fight to the finish, all these greater relationships will come under stress. So will Europe's relationship with the United States.

Bloated and bleating

Peter Riddell says MPs should be worrying about Parliament's impotence



What is wrong with Parliament is not sleaze or scandal, but loss of power and authority. The Tory backlash against the Nolan report is really an expression of frustration and resentment. There are echoes in Sir Anthony Grant's decision to retire because the Commons has "so little importance". Parliament is under threat, sovereign only in name. It is increasingly being challenged by European institutions, the courts, the media, the personal flaws of MPs themselves and by Opposition proposals for devolution. Most MPs have not adjusted, or even acknowledged their own weakness.

The resounding declarations of parliamentary supremacy during Thursday's debate sounded hollow given the public's doubts. The recent MORI poll for the Rowntree Reform Trust shows that the number who think that Parliament works well has dropped from 59 to 43 per cent since 1991, while the proportion who think it works badly has doubled to 30 per cent. The scale of outright abuse may be small, though not as small as Nolan's critics pretend, but, as the report argued, perceptions matter. And they persist only because the Commons is widely seen as ineffective (the Lords' role is secondary).

People have a more favourable view of their own MPs. The poll shows no decline since 1991 in local people's satisfaction with the job their MP is doing for the constituency. MPs devote more time now to redressing local grievances. Many say this welfare officer role is the most satisfying part of the work. One result of recent changes to sitting hours is that MPs spend more time than before in their constituencies.

The decline in the standing of the Commons, as opposed to individual MPs, is not because of a sudden growth in the power of the executive and the whips. Despite Michael Cockerell's colourful programme last night about the whips' black arts, their power has greatly diminished since the days of the much-feared David Margesson in the 1930s. Backbenchers are now more independent-minded and rebellious.

Frustrations have arisen because of new external challenges. Ministers are now more constrained by European law and the growth of judicial review. But MPs have failed to make the best of the new situation. The fashionable talk about increasing the input of national parliaments into European decisions sounds empty, given MPs' lack of interest so far. The Foreign Affairs Select Committee has been a rare exception, regularly reviewing European developments. Other committees have usually not bothered. The European scrutiny committees have been taken over by zealots. It is no good MPs complaining about the intrusiveness of Brussels if they do not attempt to influence European legislation before decisions are reached.

The performance of select committees generally has been patchy. MPs of talent and energy prefer to be frontbenchers, however lowly the post. Committees have had occasional influence when looking at broad issues such as the Civil Service, the role of the Bank of England and pensions. But they have largely failed to monitor public spending plans and the utilities.

The Commons is also poor at considering legislation. Governments have always got their way on their central measures. What has declined is the willingness of MPs to focus on details. Many Bills leave the Commons requiring substantial amendment, as the measure introducing the jobseekers' allowance now does. The Child Support Agency is not the only testament to well-intentioned but defective legislation. Governments have resisted the extended use of special standing committees to hold hearings on detailed provisions before they are debated clause by clause.

The central role of the Commons is to sustain an executive in office, and to provide ministers. Party loyalty and self-preservation ensure the former. But the latter is now in question. There is, as Sir Terence Higgins said on Thursday, a growing recruitment problem: how to attract people of the quality to become ministers. The range of new MPs is too narrow. Too many are full-time politicians with little outside experience. The Nolan report is worried by the growth of the full-time professional politician, and does not want to prevent them having outside business interests. For Alan Duncan to claim that Lord Nolan is risking the obliteration of the professional classes from the Commons is an absurd over-reaction. Rather, the report reflects public concern that MPs are benefiting financially from being in the Commons. Admittedly, this cannot be seen in isolation from pay. The £33,000-odd earned by a backbencher and £55,000 by a minister of state are too low. But rather than argue against disclosure of earnings from parliamentary activities, MPs should be candidly campaigning for higher pay.

MPs cannot, however, brush aside the failure of current regulation. Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, has a real dilemma today in deciding how to deal with Sir Jerry Wiggin. A grovelling apology might look insufficient, while the Privileges Committee, to which his case would normally be referred, has become so cumbersome as to be unworkable. There is an urgent need for streamlined machinery, assisted by a new parliamentary commissioner for standards, who, far from being a new quango or an outsider, would be appointed by the Commons and answerable to it.

The Nolan report is not a threat to Parliament, as some Tories allege, but rather a first, and only a first, step towards restoring public confidence. Far more important is action by MPs to improve scrutiny of the executive, legislation and Europe. If MPs want to be respected, they need to demonstrate they still matter. The parties too need to revive themselves to ensure a broader range of candidates. The parliamentary closed shop should be broken by bringing some ministers in from outside. The size both of the Government (85 ministers and whips in the Commons) and of the Commons itself (now 651, and rising after boundary changes) needs to be reduced. The Commons has become bloated and self-important.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Round two

FOR THE second volume of her memoirs — which, as the Diary revealed last week, will contain a chapter highly critical of John Major — Baroness Thatcher stuck with the same ghostwriters as for the first instalment. The chief advisers were Robin Harris, a member of the Downing Street policy unit during her last year in power, and John O'Sullivan, the editor of the right-wing American magazine the *National Review*. They took down her views — "a comprehensive rebuttal of everything Major stands for," according to one insider.

The Path to Power — which is being dubbed the "The Flood Street Years" in memory of her Chelsea address while in opposition — reveals that Lady Thatcher still keenly misses weekends at Chequers. Consequently, many of the writing sessions took place in rural retreats owned by friends such as Lord Hesketh, Mark Lennox-Boyd and Sir Archibald Hamilton.

And on holidays in Switzerland the writing team came too. Sessions were also fitted in during her lecture tours in the United States. Grantham, where she once lived above the corner shop, was not included in the itinerary, however. "She never mentions the place," says an associate. "America is her second home."

● *Schoolboy howlers from Classroom Clangers, a new book compiled by two headmasters in the North East of England. One pupil wrote: "I've said goodbye to my boyhood, now I'm looking to my adultery." Another defined "monotonous" as "being married to the same person for the rest of your life".*



"...Comes out in May, attacks anything in sight, then disappears..."

DIARY

Looking down

THE HOUSE OF LORDS will be less other-worldly, after the Earl of Clancarty last week passed on to an even higher place. He was the founder of the Lords all-party study group on UFOs, and was convinced that aliens were among us.

He railed against a succession of Governments for refusing to acknowledge the existence of UFOs, some of which he claimed were buried in the bowels of the Earth while others kept an eye on us from the Moon.

"The Earth was colonised by space travellers, and we are all descended from them," he once said. "We all came from different planets originally. That's why there are different races with different coloured skins."

● *The hottest party at Cannes on Saturday was a Channel 4 bash on the beach* for Blue Juice, *starring Catherine Zeta Jones. A lost soul weaved among the throng repeatedly asking "Has anyone seen my brother?" Eventually, after he had been ignored umpteen times, someone asked who he was. "I'm Robert Keaton and my brother is Michael Keaton," he said proudly, referring to the star of* Batman. *Revellers looked him up and down and returned to their drinks.*

Paige proof

ELAINE PAIGE sat at Andrew Lloyd Webber's right hand yesterday during The Really Useful Group's race-day VIP lunch at Newbury racecourse.

It was unfortunate, admitted the composer, that the racecard given to all his guests carried a prominent advertisement for his show *Sunset Boulevard* "starring the legendary Glenn Close". For Close played the role only in the United States.

Sir Andrew gallantly apologised for the mistake to his great friend and star of the show in London. "EP and I go back many years, but now I fear she'll never speak to me again."

Paige graciously accepted his apology, and then joked: "I'm talking to my solicitors."

● *To promote its new image, the Design Council recently decided to mail a copy of its journal to industry movers and shakers. Believing humble brown envelopes to be inadequate, it had some smashing new ones specially created. One problem: they were too small. The bumpf was hastily wrapped up in a strictly non-designer silver paper and string. A shame, because the obsolete envelopes had boasted: "The new Design Council believes that design isn't something you stick on afterwards."*



Paige: unfazed

Czech it out

CATWALKS are abuzz with talk of the extraordinary number of supermodels emerging from one tiny corner of the Czech Republic. Despite a national diet of fatty meat, dumplings and pickled cabbage and lungfuls of some of Europe's most polluted air, the "black triangle" of North Bohemia has produced a clutch of supermodels.

The home towns of Eva Herzigova (famous for the Wonderbra campaign), Daniela Pestova (the face of L'Oréal and Guess Jeans) and Tereza Maxova (regarded as the most glamorous model of all by the Czechs) are among the grimiest imaginable, with sulphur dioxide levels well above the World Health Organisation's safety limits, and water polluted by nitrates. But beauty blossoms, according to a feature in *Zest* magazine.



Eva Herzigova: clean living

"It's a mystery. I guess we are lucky ones — somehow we are not allergic to the pollution," admits Jana Hartlova, 23, a blonde and willowy model who left the smog of North Bohemia for Paris. "Or maybe it's all in our mixed blood — we're from the region where Germanic and Slavic Europe meet."

Whatever the secret, it doesn't work for men. A highlight of the region's social calendar is the annual Mr Belly Contest, won last year by a gentleman boasting a 61-inch girth.

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IMITATION GAMES

Blair's economics is the sincerest form of flattery

When Tony Blair delivers his Mais Lecture on Labour's economic strategy today, observers will naturally be searching for the new economic policies to expect under a Labour Government. But the real thrust of Mr Blair's message will be to suggest that this is a futile task. On the economic issues that matter most to financial markets and to most British voters, there will be essentially no difference between "new Labour" and the Tories. Of course, neither of the parties will ever openly say this. But if Mr Blair is to be taken at his word — admittedly a big "if" — then the gap between Tory and Labour thinking on economic policy today is hardly wide enough for a cigarette paper.

Mr Blair says that the central aim of his economic policy will be to control inflation. That is certainly a familiar message for British voters after Mr Major's five years at Downing Street. Mr Blair's claim that Labour would follow policies that are even more anti-inflationary than those of the Tories will convince no-one; no politician in post-war history has been more consistent in this respect than Mr Major, as millions of homeowners suffering from negative equity know only too well. Labour has accused the Government of "going soft" on inflation because of a trivial change in the Bank of England's inflation forecast from 2.5 to 3 per cent. But this accusation is bound to sound fatuous from a party which has never managed to stabilise inflation anywhere near 3 per cent without resorting to rationing or price controls.

It is easy for Mr Blair to promise that Labour will "never take risks with inflation". But does this mean, as Kenneth Clarke justly asked yesterday, that Labour would now raise interest rates? And would Mr Blair have kept interest rates up even longer than Mr Major during the ERM period, when economists were virtually unanimous that any sign of weakening in the Government's resolve to defend sterling would send inflation spiralling up? Governments and central banks are always taking risks with inflation, as they are with every other economic and political objective. Government is the art of balancing risks — and any Opposition leader who genuinely thinks otherwise is in for a bruising experience if he comes to power.

The other "main planks" of Mr Blair's economic framework are just as familiar to readers of Tory manifestos. Mr Blair wants to reduce unemployment and wean people off welfare. He wants to improve education and training and to encourage investment. All of these aims are obviously shared by the Tories — and the present Government's policies on all of them are at least as impressive as any Labour has proposed.

It is only perhaps on taxes and public spending that signs emerge of a genuine difference of approach. While the Tories have made quite clear that they are determined to reduce both taxes and public spending as a share of national income, Labour seems satisfied to leave both at current levels and then see them expand along with economic growth. This will probably be the main economic battlefield in the next election. But even here the differences between the parties may prove hard to pin down after the tax-raising record of the Tories in the past three years.

In sum, therefore, the voters will find it difficult to distinguish between the two parties by their economic policies. Although that may disappoint hard-core Labour supporters, the lack of economic distinctions will suit Mr Blair. If, as is likely, the economy is still performing well in 1997, Mr Blair will not want to fight an election over economics. He will be satisfied to neutralise the electoral impact of economics and taxes, and try to win on issues like health, leadership and "time for a change".

For the Tories, who in 1997 will probably still be presiding over healthy non-inflationary growth, the best hope will not be to argue with Labour over economic policies, but to ask whether a Labour leader can really be trusted to manage a Tory economy.

WRONGS OF WAY

To ramble on footpaths is lawful: to trespass is different

The majority of Britain's ramblers may be as sweet-tempered as the rolling countryside over which they trudge, but Kate Ashbrook, the chairman of the Ramblers' Association, is possessed of an altogether more combative nature. Ms Ashbrook has just thrown down a bristling challenge on behalf of ramblers to landowners across the country: "We are fed up with being kept out of our own backyard. Either reform your ways now or change will be imposed on you".

Walking across the countryside is a pastime in which the British have always rejoiced; and the right to own, control and dispose of private property is a right which they have always defended. There may have been times when pastime and right have collided, but walkers have less cause for complaint today than they have ever had in the history of democratic Britain.

Ms Ashbrook and the association are not, of course, entirely without well-founded grievance. Insofar as she aims her considerable ire on those lawful public footpaths across private land which landowners have either blocked or used for cultivation, she will be acting in the public interest. Her intemperate language may not help her to win friends among those who own land — she is wont to speak of "the path-blocking, anti-access, criminal landowning community" — but her aim to retore Britain's historic pathways to those who wish to walk along them is unexceptionable.

Yet just as attempts to "unblock" established footpaths deserve support, so the objective of the Ramblers' Association to assert a right to roam over all uncultivated land does not. Ms Ashbrook is wrong to insist on "legislation that would give the public freedom to walk on open country, such as moorland, heath, woodland and riversides . . .". As a way to put pressure on landowners and MPs, she has advocated mass trespass as a form of "direct action".

Such action should be regarded as no more acceptable than the methods employed by militant animal rights activists at Brightlingsea. Quite apart from constituting a trespass, such conduct would be tantamount to an assertion that the owners of private rural land do not enjoy the same rights as an urban owner of property does. The aggressive philosophy of Ms Ashbrook and her militant ramblers appears to run counter to the very right to own property. A necessary corollary of that right is the ability of landowners to regulate the manner and method of entry by others onto their land.

It is regrettable that the Ramblers' Association has chosen to pursue this particular course. By drawing attention to every violation by landowners of the Rights of Way Act, Ms Ashbrook would achieve far more. By enlisting the support of local authorities and ensuring that farmers do not plough up, damage, fence off or narrow the nation's paths, she would be benefiting her members and the country at large. A conciliatory approach — which recognises that while rural land exists for walking, it exists also for a variety of other uses — would help her to achieve far more than will the sounding of a bucolic battle-cry.

A RUGBY RAINBOW

The new South Africa rejoices in its own world cup

The staging of the Rugby World Cup will dwarf in its consequence every other occasion in the history of South African sport. That is not to decry the cricket match in Calcutta in November 1991; nor the country's first Test against the West Indies in Barbados, and last year's poignant return to Lord's. Yet nothing should seize the imagination more effectively — and invigorate world rugby more fully — than the forthcoming celebration in Nelson Mandela's South Africa of the Afrikaner's most cherished game.

In a salute to the event, *The Times* has today published a special guide to the Rugby World Cup. No one should undervalue the tournament's significance: its success would be further proof of South Africa's astonishing racial reconciliation.

But that spirit will be called upon still further, for there is not a single black Springbok: Chester Williams's last-minute withdrawal through injury has cruelly ensured that. The all-white nature of the home side will be striking, especially when, as Mr Mandela observed recently, "even teams from Europe will be featuring people of colour". In Ubogu, Ojomoh and Guscott, England alone have three.

But just as all South Africans — black, white and Indian — have given their support to the country's all-white cricketing Proteas, there is every sign that all South Africans will shout full-throatedly now for their rubgy-playing Springboks. Rugby may still be a white man's game, but a beginning has been made in the new South Africa to take the game to the townships. If the profits of this World Cup are put to sensitive use — in coaching young blacks intensively and developing decent facilities for them — there is no reason why the Springboks should not soon be a more representative side. By the next World Cup, they may even have more blacks in their side than in England's.

A great conversion, however, is already apparent. Francois Pienaar and his hulking men will be playing under a bright new flag, as exuberantly striped and coloured as any in all Africa. And the players' muscled chests, which once puffed with pride at the playing of *Die Stem*, will now swell to the strains of *Nkosi Sikelel' i Afrika*. The country's rugby team may be all-white, but the formal sights and sounds of State have changed in South Africa.

England's squad, Will Carling and all, is now training hard in this expectant land. Many of them were there last year, when England played the Springboks again after the end of South Africa's sporting isolation. The most moving pictures of that tour came not from the Loftus Versfeld in Pretoria — nor from any other rugby ground — but from the coaching clinic conducted by English players for some small black boys in a township. Carling's men both learnt and taught on that epoch-making tour. They will do so again in the course of the World Cup — as will the teams from every other country taking part. South Africa, and rugby, will be the richer for that.

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'Free-for-all' on tourist road signs

From Lord Montagu of Beaulieu

Sir, On May 18 the House of Lords opened up parliamentary debate on the Government's unevaluated and ill-conceived proposals for relaxing the rules which govern the erection of roadside directional signs, hitherto the preserve of regional tourist authorities.

These proposals, which were presented on April 3 and set out a consultative period of only one month — few local authorities even had time to refer them to their committees — were opposed from all sides of the House.

Concern from environmental and conservation interests was predictable, but when echoed by the motoring organisations, the local authorities, the tourist boards and the tourism industry itself, it is clear that the dogma of deregulation is being carried too far.

The proposed virtual free-for-all, without standards of consistency, would surely create more confusion than clear guidance for tourists, with every type of destination for visitors — pubs, guest houses, B&Bs, even shops — being eligible for signs, with a Department of Transport presumption in favour of approval.

Some variation to the existing rules would be welcome, for the sake of long-distance traffic management. But there is neither adequate need nor valid commercial argument for permitting hundreds of thousands of signs to sprout — by their very numbers defeating their purpose of clear guidance.

The resultant environmental damage to towns, villages and countryside will become an unpleasant and irreversible legacy which electors will not forgive or forget.

These proposals should not be laid before Parliament until more consultation has taken place, so that a consistent national basis can be devised which will safeguard rather than undermine the standards and integrity of our tourism.

Yours faithfully,
MONTAGU of BEAULIEU,
Palace House, Beaulieu,
Brockenhurst, Hampshire.
May 19.

Touching a brief

From Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC

Sir, Few criminal barristers wish to go on speaking until we have exhausted our vocabulary, the judge's patience, the client's wallet or the national purse — your satirical editorial, "Brief waffle" (May 13), notwithstanding.

Many briefs are delivered late by solicitors and are often ill-prepared and incomplete. The new procedures require barristers to be able to answer, in advance and in court, many detailed questions to which they can have no answers because these have not been supplied to them. Such failures (not of our making) may now result in a rocket from the judge and an order directed against the barrister's own pocket. The legal aid fee for the lucky barrister for these hearings has been set at £43. A wasted costs order could run into hundreds of pounds. No one in business on his own account will survive long if he operates under these conditions.

However, no barrister need accept instructions in one of these cases. In fact he is positively obliged not to do so, for under para 501 of the Bar Code of Conduct:

A practising barrister must not accept any brief or instructions . . . if having regard to his other professional commitments he will be unable to do so or will not have adequate time and opportunity to prepare that which he is required to do.

Therefore, unless the brief is delivered in good time and in good order, no member of the Bar of sound mind should touch it and no one can compel him to do so. How many of our leaders of Bar and circuit, past and present, must we thank for bringing this once great profession to its knees?

Yours faithfully,
RONALD THWAITES,
10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

Nolan debate: a sense of proportion in political warfare

From Mr Alan Duncan, MP for Rutland and Melton (Conservative)

Sir, The BBC amongst others have plenty of film recording my opinion that money earned for parliamentary consultancies should indeed be declared openly, and that I broadly welcome the Nolan proposals. Your call for me to "be reasonable" (leading article, May 20) has already been met.

But like Trollope, I have also appealed "for a sense of proportion" to be restored to a debate which has raced out of control.

As I recall, my quiet words to Lord Nolan, to whom I apologise for the fact we were recorded by a distant cameraman (report, May 19), were:

Sir, I hope you appreciate what you're in the middle of here. It's a very, very dangerous political game, and if it all goes wrong you could end up obliterating the professional classes' representation in the House of Commons.

We should stop pretending that we are in the middle of a rational debate about the workings of Parliament. We are not.

We are in fact in the middle of the most vicious and artful political campaign ever seen in Britain, in which the Labour Party has quite brilliantly seized on discontent and dressed up party politics as a battle of principle. This is war by other means, and they are winning it.

They have successfully conveyed the impression that Conservative MPs and the private sector are all bad, and have escaped any comparable scrutiny of their own conduct. Mr Blair's growing hubris may yet rebound on him as people realise that his objectives have little to do with standards, and have everything to do with destroying the nature of Conservative representation in Parliament, at whatever cost to the institution itself. This is a takeover bid without a ballot, in which decent people are being made to look like crooks, which I resent.

I intend to be reasonable, but how long should we continue to play cricket when the other side is driving tanks at us from the pavilion?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN DUNCAN,
House of Commons,
May 20.

From Mr Andrew Rowe, MP for Mid Kent (Conservative)

Sir, Simon Jenkins's idea that we should draw a minimal salary from public funds and gain the rest of our remuneration quite openly from interests which we would represent ("MPs need proper jobs", May 17) has many attractions. I am increasingly sure that we cannot go on as we are.

Sir Terence Higgins, in evidence to the Nolan committee, pointed out that in his time as MP average salaries outside Parliament have risen by 86 per cent in real terms while MPs' salaries have remained the same. Even if the public believes backbenchers are worth no more, it should be remembered that under our system almost every minister is taken from the Members of the House, so attracting and retaining good people is important.

Nolan has decreed that MPs can no longer regulate their own affairs without professional help. If that is right it is even more certain that MPs can't be trusted to determine their own salaries without professional help. I suggest that a board made up of the non-parliamentary members of the Nolan committee should do it for us.

I would trust Sir Clifford Boulton (recently on £90,148 p a), Lord Nolan (£98,957), even Professor King (at least £33,000, with few restrictions on his ability to earn additional income outside his salary) to see us right.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ROWE,
House of Commons.

From Mr Peter Fleet

Sir, Whilst it may sound rather quaint, I agree with Enoch Powell ("There's no legislating for honour", May 19) that for many, myself included, the original motivation to seek to become a Member of Parliament is quite simply "because that is held to be an honourable thing to be".

At the same time, I reject both the traditional patrician argument — that higher salaries would attract "the wrong sort of chap" — and the "politically correct" but highly naive view that potential MPs will always come forward out of a sense of duty regardless of financial reward. If parliamentary salaries were ever to rise high enough to attract candidates with no sense of duty, honour or desire to lead, candidate selection committees are there to say "thanks, but no thanks".

We will not be successful in encouraging our most talented individuals to forego the opportunity of private sector reward and normal family life if we continue to constrain the salaries of our MPs and then criticise them for seeking to supplement their income outside the House.

Yours faithfully,
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(Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate, Southampton, Itchen),
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May 19

From Mr A. D. Gatling

Sir, There is a certain irony in your headline "Heath leads Tory revolt over Nolan" (May 19). Sir Edward is concerned at ceding Parliament's sovereignty to Nolan but is the arch-disciple of handing it over to Brussels.

Just what is it that Sir Edward has against his fellow countrymen?

Yours faithfully,
A. D. GATLING,
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Berwick St James,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
May 19.

Oil platform dumping

From Dr Anthony Rice and others

Sir, Despite its highly publicised "occupation" by Greenpeace (report, May 1), Shell's redundant Brent Spar oil storage platform, currently east of Shetland, will almost certainly be dumped in more than 2,000 metres of water some 150 miles northwest of the Hebrides, deeper than any fishing is ever likely to be economically viable.

Dumping of this kind raises serious alarm, of which the Greenpeace campaign is the latest manifestation, as to the damage it may inflict on water quality and fisheries, both coastal and deep-sea. The Scottish Office, the licensing authority which gave permission for the disposal, are convinced that a site-specific survey conducted last year has provided sufficient information (though not yet in the public domain) to justify this decision.

Although the survey proceeded somewhat more rapidly and less critically than many of us would have wished, the decision is probably correct. As a result of extensive deep ocean research by our government-funded laboratories over the past 25 years, we probably knew enough, even before the survey, to say that the Greenpeace scenario is exaggerated.

However, it is essential that such operations are treated on a case-by-case basis and that this decision is not seen as a carte-blanche for future disposal activities. Each must be justified on its own merits, and must include adequate site surveys.

Even more important, the impact of this disposal, by far the largest of its kind in UK waters, must be monitored properly and by the best qualified scientists and technicians. This will not only provide data on the wisdom, or otherwise, of this action, but will also give us invaluable experience for judging future proposals.

Yours faithfully,
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May 17.

Ladies of quality

From Mr Michael M. Slot

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg, writing his enjoyable article (May 18) on Samuel Johnson, says that Shakespeare portrays no character who has the "trinity of virtues" of goodness, strength and wisdom.

He has forgotten the ladies.

Portia's goodness, Cordelia's wisdom he may question, Rosalind, he may say, is not clearly enough drawn. But Viola shows all those qualities in abundance and Beatrice not only those, but also wit.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SLOT,
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Bexhill on Sea,
East Sussex.
May 18.

Timescale

From Mr Andrew Bradford

Sir, This morning, while planning one of my rare visits to London, I telephoned rail and air services for information.

Air UK answered after one ring, British Airways answered after one and a half, while British Rail in Aberdeen failed to answer in the five minutes of ringing I gave them on two occasions.

Dr Mawhinney might just be right in saying (report, May 16) that there are efficiencies to be made.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW BRADFORD,
Kincardine,
Kincardine O'Neil,
Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.
May 18.

Arts and lottery

From Mr S. R. Lancelyn Green

Sir, Mr Charles Morgan (letter, May 15) is absolutely right. Art is created and performed by people, not buildings, and in any case one man's capital improvement is another man's increased overhead cost.

Surely the National Lottery money should be used to create endowment funds for our major orchestras and performing companies to enable them to plan further ahead than the few months to which they are usually limited at present.

Even theatres and concert halls which are run by trusts could be endowed so that the cost of using them is lowered. Of course any government that wishes us to believe that it has any commitment to the performing arts has only to relieve tickets of VAT, and theatres and concert halls of rates.

It is far better that the performing companies should keep their hard-earned cash to cover costs than have it taken away in taxes and suffer the indignity of being obliged to beg for some of it back (net of both sides' bureaucratic costs).

Yours,
S. R. LANCELYN GREEN,
Poulton Hall, Poulton Lancelyn,
Bebington, Wirral.

From the Secretary-General of the Arts Council

Sir, The Government requires the Arts Council only to give National Lottery grants to organisations that have raised an element of partnership funding (letter, May 10). The minimum partnership funding contribution for projects seeking less than £100,000 is only 10 per cent, because we are particularly anxious to encourage applications from smaller organisations. For applications over £100,000 the figure is 25 per cent. This is lower than the partnership funding requirements for National Lottery sport and millennium grants.

We believe that the ability to raise funding from other sources is an indicator of a project's strength and the support it has in its local community. So far the majority of applications have raised or are confident of raising significant matching sums. Indeed, of the total of £251 million worth of applications currently being assessed the partnership element averages 59 per cent.

Most of the organisations applying for lottery funds are chronically underfunded, but they have proved themselves extremely resilient, with remarkably few going out of business. Indeed, the £5.1 million increase in our grant for 1995-96 enabled us to make special provision for regional theatres and other organisations facing particularly severe financial pressures.

Charles Morgan berates us for not having a policy for theatre. We believe our decisions should be based on full and open consultation with our constituency. This week we discussed a draft drama policy which will be issued for consultation at the end of the month.

To date the lottery money for the arts in England totals £77.9 million. So far we have allocated grants totalling £2 million and we expect to announce a further £13 million next week.

Provided the Government maintains the level of its grant-in-aid for revenue purposes, we are confident there will be no shortage of arts organisations applying to us for capital funding throughout that period.

Yours faithfully,
MARY ALLEN,
Secretary-General,
The Arts Council of England,
14 Great Peter Street, SW1.
May 17.

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Screening tests

From Mr D. L. Crosby and Professor C. J. Roberts

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford ("The test that will set your mind at rest", May 16) strongly advocates a breathtaking array of medical screening tests which, despite feeling well, we should subject ourselves to. There is little mention of their cost, the frequency required or most importantly their effectiveness in avoiding premature death.

At a time when many are suggesting that treatment which is known to be effective should be rationed, this borders on the irresponsible. The public should be quite clear. What is being discussed is largely a supply-led industry, with a vested interest in converting well people into worried patients.

Yours sincerely,
D. L. CROSBY
(Chairman, Cardiff Community Healthcare Trust),
C. J. ROBERTS
(Non-executive Director, West Glamorgan Health Authority),
University of Wales College of Medicine,
Department of Epidemiology and Public Health,
Heath Park, Cardiff.
May 16.

Cricket and the stars

From Mrs Glyn Daniel

Sir, In your otherwise excellent obituary of Professor Raymond Lyttleton (May 19) there was no mention of his wide sporting interests: golf, snooker, but chiefly cricket, a lifetime's love from which I have benefited in more ways than one.

In 1952 I raised a women's cricket XI in Cambridge with the kindly support of the then captain of the university side, one David Sheppard. Ray gave freely of his time to coach me in the nets at St John's College, of which my husband was a Fellow. But older readers of sporting events will best remember him for his contributions to the lively discussion that went on in the Fifties about the swerve of a cricket ball. Ray had been specially pleased that letters to him from Sir Donald Bradman welcomed his theory.

Cricket clearly had a fascination for theoretical astronomers as (Sir) Fred Hoyle was reported as saying in 1951: "I find myself wondering whether, somewhere among upwards of a million planetary systems per galaxy, is a cricket team that could beat the Australians."

Yours faithfully,
RUTH DANIEL,
The Flying Stag,
70 Bridge Street, Cambridge.
May 19.

Faithful cuckoo

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, As Nigel Hawkes suggests (article, May 18) the word "cuckold" is derived from "cuckoo" — plus the pejorative suffix "-old" — but this is an etymological error that libels the male bird, whose partner isn't known to be unfaithful despite her deplorable egg-laying habits, which he presumably encourages.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KILBRACKEN,
House of Lords.
May 19

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 20: The Duke of Edinburgh, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, this evening attended the Annual Dinner of The Queen's Royal Hussars' Regimental Association at the Mount Royal Hotel, Bryanston Street, London W1.

Captain Jonathan Walker was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 20: The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended the Football Association Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, Middlesex.

Major Patrick Tabor was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 20: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), this morning presented new Colours to the 2nd Battalion at Howe Barracks, Canterbury, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Kent (the Lord Kingsdown KG).

Mrs Duncan Byatt was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
May 20: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning arrived at London Heathrow Airport from Washington DC.

The Duke of Kent, President, this afternoon attended the Football Association's Challenge Cup Final, Wembley Stadium.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 21: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning attended the Annual Parade and Memorial Service of the Combined Cavalry Old Comrades in Hyde Park and was received by the President (Field Marshal Sir John Stanier).

Her Majesty took the Salute and laid a Wreath at the Cavalry Memorial.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, later honoured Major General the Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (Colonel, The Life Guards) with her presence at Luncheon in the Officers' Mess, Household Cavalry Barracks, Hyde Park.

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Simon Gimson and Lieutenant Colonel Seymour Gilbart-Denham were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel Grenadier Guards, this afternoon attended the Regimental Remembrance Sunday Service at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1.

Captain Jonathan Walker was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 21: The Prince Edward this afternoon visited the Ascot Locomotive Society's Miniature Railway at Ascot Racecourse.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
May 21: The Duke of Kent this evening attended a performance of *Oh Malvina* as part of the Covent Garden Festival, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2.

Mr Nicholas Adamson was in attendance.

Birthdays today

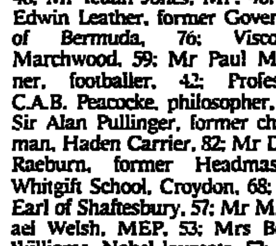
Mr Kenny Ball, trumpeter, 64; Mr Arthur Bennett, former UK director, Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 86; Mr George Best, footballer, 49; Miss Cheryl Campbell, actress, 46; Mr Menzies Campbell, QC, MP, 54; Viscount Dunrossil, 69; the Right Rev Douglas Feaver, former Bishop of Peterborough, 81; Mr James FitzGerald, racehorse trainer, 60; Dr Desmond Hawkins, former President of Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 72; Professor Sir William Hawthorne, former Master of Churchill College, Cambridge. Sir Mark Heath, diplomat, 68; Mr Anthony Holden, writer, 48; Mr Ieuan Jones, MP, 46; Sir Edwin Leather, former Governor of Bermuda, 76; Viscount Marchwood, 59; Mr Paul Mariner, footballer, 42; Professor C.A.B. Peacocke, philosopher, 45; Sir Alan Pullinger, former chairman, Haden Carrier, 82; Mr D.A. Raeburn, former Headmaster, Whitgift School, Croydon, 68; the Earl of Shaftesbury, 57; Mr Michael Welsh, MEP, 53; Mrs Betty Williams, Nobel laureate, 52; Mr Ernest Wistrich, former director, European Movement, 72.

Nature notes

YOUNG starlings are out of the nest and chasing their parents through the air, squawking loudly in their eagerness to be fed. They are browner and less speckled than the adults. Young bullfinches are flying about conspicuously with their parents in the bushes: their call is a louder, more insistent version of the adults' soft piping. Red-legged partridges are making strange noises in the growing corn: one call that is often heard just now is like a wheezing steam-engine. Yellow wagtails are sitting on fence-posts in wet meadows, their tails bouncing up and down.

The yellow fields of oilseed rape are streaked with white where they are crossed by footpaths lined with flowering cow parsley. The first hawthorn flowers are fading, and the hedges have a rusty look. White rosettes of flowers are opening on the elder bushes. At the edge of the corn, the creamy-yellow flowers of field pansy are growing alongside charlock and white campion. On roadsides, the common sowthistle is in flower everywhere: it is a dandylion-like flower, usually purple underneath, and with very milky stems. A late tree to open on the woodland edges is the whitebeam, whose soft, chalky-green leaves are only just coming out of the bud.

DJM



Red-legged partridge



A stately send-off for Caroline Warren and Nicholas Denbow after their wedding at St Mary's, Goudhurst

JAMES MORGAN

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Chelsea Flower Show at 5.30. The Princess Royal, Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra will also attend.
The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the London Federation of Clubs for Young People, will attend a dinner at the gala preview evening of the Chelsea Flower Show in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea at 8.45.
The Prince of Wales as President of Business in the Community, will visit various projects in the Lake District.
The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) will visit the 1st Battalion at Fort George, Inverness, at 9.35.

Memorial Mass

Lieutenant-Colonel Marcus Ervine-Andrews, VC
A Memorial Mass for the life of Lieutenant-Colonel Marcus Ervine-Andrews, VC, was held on Sunday in the Chapel of Stonyhurst College. Father C. Taunton, SJ, officiated and gave an address, assisted by Father M. Bossy, SJ, Rector of the college, and members of the Stonyhurst Jesuit Community. Cadet Junior Under Officer J. de Ramon Laca read the lesson and Major J Cobb read the VC Citation. Members of the family, the Headmaster of Stonyhurst College and Mrs Mercer, representatives of the Stonyhurst Association and the VC and GC Association, and the Colonel of The Queen's Lancashire Regiment were among those present.

Memorial service

Mr Charles Laborde
A service of thanksgiving for Mr Charles Laborde, a master of Harrow School from 1946 to 1977, was held on Saturday in the Chapel of Harrow School. The Rev James Power officiated and the Rev Simon Lane led the prayers. Judge Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, and Mr Anthony Nelson, Economic Secretary to Her Majesty's Treasury, read the lessons. Mr Edward Gould, Master of Marlborough College, gave an address.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gérard de Nerval, poet, Paris, 1808; Richard Wagner, composer, Leipzig, 1813; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer, Edinburgh, 1859; Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, mining industrialist, Freidberg, Germany, 1880; Laurence Olivier, Baron Olivier, actor and first director of the National Theatre, Dorking, 1907.
DEATHS: Alessandro Manzoni, poet, Milan, 1873; Victor Hugo, author, Paris, 1885.

World's exotic flora crowd to Chelsea

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THERE are themes to suit all tastes at the 82nd Chelsea Flower Show, which opens tomorrow.

An authentic Japanese tea garden has been produced by the Julian Dowle Partnership, and the garden from Merrist Wood College incorporates many elements of traditional Chinese and Japanese gardens. Exotic flowers abound from the Caribbean, Malaysia, Australia, South Africa and Kenya. *Harpers & Queen* with Cartier have a Mediterranean garden, and there is a tropical garden created by the São Paulo Garden Club in honour of the late Brazilian landscape designer Roberto Burle Marx.

The Imperial War Museum has devised a Second World War victory garden and the *Daily Telegraph* garden is a celebration of the National Trust in its centenary year.

Exhibits with a health theme include the pleasure garden created by Action for Blind People; the cottage garden from Help the Aged; and the garden of memories presented by the Alzheimer's Disease Society.

Exhibits that reflect the environment and conservation include a garden made from reclaimed native material from Yorkshire by Askham Bryan College, the scientific display from Pershaw College of Horticulture, that explains how to invite nature into the garden; the Bradstone Design Award garden for nature, which reflects the work of the RSPB; the collection of endangered cacti and succulents from Craig House Cacti; and rare potatoes in the educational and scientific exhibit from the Henry Doubleday Research Association.

Of interest to urban gardeners is the town garden from the *Evening Standard*; the small front garden created by Knight's Garden Centres; and the mini-allotment from the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners, in the educational and scientific section.

The *Country Living* garden shows the decorative potential of vegetables, fruit and herbs. The edible theme is continued with the displays of herbs from Cheshire Herbs and Jekka's Herb Farm; Ken Muir's lavish display of strawberries and organicallygrown fruit; the RHS Fruit Group's exhibit, which includes a fruiting arch, trained trees, strawberries in containers, figs, vines, peaches and cherries; and the display of over 50 cultivars of vegetables from Arthur Davies, including new asparagus, beetroot and rhubarb chard.

Many new cultivars of plants can be seen at the show, ranging from roses such as David Austin's new English roses, through Sweet Pea "Remembrance" from S and N Brackley, in honour of VE-Day, to a yellow pelargonium from the British European Geranium Society.

The private view for RHS members is tomorrow and Wednesday. The show is open to the public on Thursday from 8am to 8pm and Friday from 8am to 5pm. Admission is by ticket only, bought in advance (no ticket at the gates). The 24-hour show information line is: 0171 828 1744.

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School news

King's College School, Wimbledon
Elections for September 1995:
Major Scholars: Simon Wicks (Ripley Court and KCS); Adrian de Froment (King's College Junior School, Modern Language Award).
Scholars: Neil Patel (KCJS); James Kelly (Rokeby); Rodney Kelly (Rokeby); Alexander Rinsler (Shrewsbury House); Benjamin Laurence (KCJS); Robert Coombes (Rokeby, Classics Award); Zaheen Mir (Willington); Lionel Matsuya (Wallop); Thomas Try (Shrewsbury House).
Exhibitioners: David Goldman (KCJS); Thomas Bell (Milbourne Lodge); Julian Steeds (KCJS); Luke Finch (Rokeby); Thomas Richards (KCJS); Charles Alpass (Downsend); Demetri Mavridoglou (Rokeby); Douglas Barker (Rokeby); Cameron Saxby (Downsend); Christopher Fuller (Danes Hill).
Music Scholars: Douglas Barker (Rokeby); Oliver Coates (KCJS).
Music Exhibitioners: Benedict East (KCJS); Andrew Kingsmill (Newland House); Daniel Rudd (KCJS); Andrew Spildns (Rokeby).
Junior School Scholars: Sam Curson (All Saints' Primary, Putney); Nicholas Johnston (KCJS); Mark Leggate (Westward Prep, Walton-on-Thames); Edward Morrison (St James's Primary, Twickenham); Christopher Wright (Westward Prep, Walton-on-Thames).
KCS, charity number 310024, exists to provide education for children.

Forthcoming marriages

Major M.D. Blagbrough and Miss C.T. Pilatzke
The engagement is announced between Major Mark Blagbrough, Cheshire Regiment, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Blagbrough, of Devizes, Wiltshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr Ronald Pilatzke and the late Mrs Doreen Pilatzke, of Vancouver, Canada.

Prince Frédéric de Merode and Miss H.J. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Frédéric, elder son of the Prince and Princess de Merode-Westerloo, of St Georges-sur-Loire, France, and Hannah, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Christopher Robinson, of Riding Mill, Northumberland.

Dr G.A. Lester and Miss M.P.C. Hulme
The engagement is announced between Garry, younger son of Mr S. Lester, of Hull, and Mrs H. Lester, of Beverley, and Melanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.T. Hulme, of Sale, Cheshire.

Luncheon

The London College of Printing and Distributive Trades
On May 17 the London College of Printing and Distributive Trades held a luncheon at Stationers' Hall in the City of London to celebrate the Centenary of Printing Education in London. The luncheon was attended by distinguished guests from the worlds of education and printing and included Mr Julian Markham, Chairman of the London Institute's Court of Governors, Professor John McKenzie, Rector of the London Institute, Dr Will Bridge, Head of the London College of Printing and Distributive Trades, and Mr Nicholas Hutton, President of the British Printing Industries Federation.

Dinners

HM High Commissioner
Lady Fraser, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Sir William Fraser, gave a dinner on Saturday at Holyroodhouse.

Harry Wolton, QC
The members of 5 Fountain Court, Birmingham, gave a dinner on May 20 1995, at the Manoir aux Quat' Saisons, Great Milton, Oxfordshire, for Harry Wolton, QC, to mark his retirement as Head of Chambers, and to thank him for the leadership that he gave during his ten years as Head. The guests included:
Mr Justice and Lady Tucker, Judge K. Wilson Mellor, QC, Judge Peter DeMille, Mr Anthony Barker, QC, Miss Estella Hindley, QC, Mr Martin Kingston, QC, Mr Stephen Linehan, QC, and Mr Gareth Evans, QC.

Marriages

Captain F.A.J. Piggott and the Hon Natasha Vivian
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, of Captain Jamie Piggott, eldest son of Mr F.J.R. Piggott, of Guernsey, and Mrs Susan Scott, of France, to the Hon Natasha Vivian, elder daughter of Brigadier Lord and Lady Vivian, of London. The Rev P Clement officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Samantha Piggott, Francesca, George and Jack Hoyland, the Hon Camilla Vivian, Miss Alice Martineau and Miss Zoe Scott. Captain Richard Brown was best man. A guard of honour was found by warrant officers and senior non-commissioned Officers of The Royal Dragoon Guards.

A reception was held at the House of Lords and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East.

Mr N.P. Denbow and Miss C.L. Warren
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Goudhurst, Kent, of Mr Nicholas Denbow, son of Mr and Mrs P. Denbow, of Moor Park, Middlesex, to Miss Caroline Warren, daughter of Sir Kenneth and Lady Warren, of Goudhurst. The Rev Bob Campbell-Smith officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Susannah Warren. Dr Mark Denbow was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr L.F. Hallam and Miss T.K. Neale
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Just-in-Roseland Church, Cornwall, of Mr Luke Hallam, son of Mr John Hallam, of Chelsea, and Mrs Vicki Hallam, of Stockwell, to Miss Tania Neale, daughter of Sir Gerrard and Lady Neale, of London. The Rev E.R. Andrews officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Poppy and Florence Tullo, Ned Chattey and Miss Hilary Higgins. Mr Graham Broadbent was best man.

A reception was held at the Nare Hotel, Veryan, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr P.M. Button and Miss J.P. Clarke
The marriage took place on May 20, 1995, at Leaside United Reformed Church, Ware, between Mr Peter Button, second son of the late Mr W. Button and of Mrs Button, of St Pancras, London, and Miss Julie Clarke, second daughter of Mrs Patrica Hutchinson and stepdaughter of Mr Alan Hutchinson, of Broadstairs, Kent. The Rev Ray Tresize conducted the service and pronounced the blessing.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, was attended by Miss Emma Button, Lisa Twyman and Ann Clarke. Mr Leslie Button was best man.

A reception was held at Briggins Park and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M.M. Beard and Miss V.R. Sinclair
The marriage took place on May 20, 1995, at the Garrison Church, Brompton, Gillingham, Kent, between Mr Michael Beard, only son of Mr and Mrs C. Beard, of Selston, Nottinghamshire, and Miss Victoria Sinclair, only daughter of Major General and Mrs G.B. Sinclair, of Brompton.

The Rev Patrick Springford officiated.

Mr T.W. Lowen, III, and Miss C.F. Barclay
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 20, 1995, at The Church of the Epiphany, New York City, between Mr Theodore Whitney Lowen, III, son of Mr and Mrs T.W. Lowen, of Rockville Centre, New York, and Miss Carey Frelinghuysen Barclay, daughter of Mr and Mrs George C. Barclay, of Whitstone House, Bovey Tracey, Devon.

Mr J.A. Barnsley and Miss A.J. White
The marriage took place yesterday, May 21, at St James' Church, Piccadilly, between Mr James Barnsley and Miss Amanda White. The bride was attended by Miss Anita Agarwal. Mr Paul Pearson was best man.

Mr C. Whitmore and Miss A.R. Schoenfeld
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 20, at St Andrew's Church, Mells, Somerset, of Mr Charles Whitmore, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Whitmore, of Hartfield, East Sussex, to Miss Alexandra Reid Schoenfeld, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Derek R. Schoenfeld, of The Manor House, Kilmersdon, Bath. The Rev Dan Olive officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Elizabeth Schoenfeld, Miss Georgina Whitmore, Katherine Schoenfeld, Arabella, Frederick and George Berthon. Mr Jonathan Doherty was best man. A reception was held at The Manor House and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.S. Young and Miss V.C. Martin
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 20, at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, of Mr Alan Young, son of Mr and Mrs S.K.S. Young, of Leziate, Norfolk, and Miss Victoria Martin, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Martin, of Beverley, Yorkshire. The Reverend Ian Robson conducted the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Sascha Pearson. Mr Daniel Brooke was best man.

A reception was held in London and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C.E. Holbech and Miss H.L. Tughan
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 20, at Donaghadee Parish Church, County Down, between Mr Charles Holbech, son of Mr and Mrs John Holbech, of London, W8, and Miss Helen Tughan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Tughan, of Portavo, County Down. The Rev Leslie Stevenson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Laura Morgan, Alice Holbech, Jamie Holbech and Gareth Crofts. Mr William Holbech was best man. A reception was held at Portavo and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr G.R. Stafford Charles and Miss H.P.E. Mort
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of Saint Mary Magdalen, Oxford of Mr Geoffrey Stafford Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Stafford Charles, of Whitestone, Devon, to Miss Harriet Mort, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Mort, of Oxford. Canon Anthony Hulbert, uncle of the bride, and Canon Hugh Wybrew officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Louisa Pratt, Siena Knight Bruce, Vita Knight-Bruce, Henry Rose and William Porter. Mr Nicholas Scaramanga was best man. A reception was held at Wolfson College and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Service dinners

The Queen's Royal Lancers
Major-General A.W. Dennis, Colonel of the Regiment, presided at an annual reunion dinner of The Queen's Royal Lancers Regimental Association held on Saturday at the Waldorf Hotel.

Royal Military Police Association
Major-General N.C. Allen, Chairman of the Royal Military Police Association, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday in Edgbaston. Major-General C.B.Q. Wallace, president, attended.

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BIRTHS

BRIGGS - On May 3rd, to Joanna (née Larkey) and Roland, a daughter, Sylvie Helena.

DEATHS

BISHOP - On May 18th in Kent and Sussex hospital, peacefully after a short illness, Margaret (née Valder) aged 87 widow of Norman and much loved mother of John. Funeral at 3pm on Thursday 25th May at St. Mary's, Chiddingstone followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to the Musicians Benevolent Fund and any enquiries c/o Ord - Hume, 33a Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 2RS.

BUTLER - Johanna Pemberton, died peacefully at her home in Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex, on Thursday 18th May 1995, aged 92 years. Beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service arranged at Newport Parish Church on Thursday 25th May 1995 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, no letters. All enquiries H. Peasgood & Son, Shire Hill, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3AQ.

CLANCARTY - On May 18th, peacefully after a long illness in a nursing home in Bexhill-on-Sea, Brinsley, 8th Earl, aged 84. Funeral private. Memorial Service later in London.

FITZGERALD - On 18th May 1995 suddenly but peacefully, Deirdre (née Sanderson) in her 75th year. Much loved and missed. Funeral Service in the Kernow Chapel, Penmount Crematorium, Truro, on Thursday 25th May at 12.20pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the R.N.L.I. Falmouth, c/o Mrs Jenkins, Harbour Commissioners Office, Falmouth, Cornwall. Enquiries (01326) 260646.

FOSTER - On 16th May 1995, James Milton, aged 82 years. Beloved husband of Doris, loving father of Pamela and Peter and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service to take place at the Kent & Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells on Thursday 25th May at 11am. Flowers, or donations if desired to Dr. Barnardos c/o Cooper & Son, Funeral Service, Rose Cottage, New Town, Uckfield, telephone (01825) 763763.

HAY - On 17th May, Mary (née Shaw) aged 98, eldest daughter of Bishop Shaw, widow of Robert, Bishop of Buckingham. Private cremation. Requiem Mass, Saturday May 27th at St Paul's Church, Wooburn, Bucks., at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations to Help the Aged.

JACKSON - On Friday May 19th 1995, Robin, beloved husband of Jill and father of David & Nicola. Funeral service at Selwyn College Chapel, Cambridge, on Thursday May 25th at 3pm. Flowers or donations if wished for the work of rehabilitation robotics to (The Papworth Trust) may be sent to Brian Warner, 4 Harebel Court, Cambridge, CB1 4UB.

MACQUEEN - On May 19th 1995, at The King Edward VIIth Hospital For Officers, Elizabeth Mary, aged 78 beloved wife of Angus, mother of Caroline and Angus, grandmother of Alexander. No flowers, donations if desired to King Edward VIIth Hospital, London. Enquiries to Leverton and Sons (0171 387 6075).

MITCHELL-INNES - Peacefully on Thursday, 18th May, 1995, at Ramsey, Isle of Man, Ernest, aged 88 years. Cremation on Wednesday, 24th May, 1995, 2 pm at Douglas, I.O.M. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, may be sent to St Bridget's Hospice, Douglas, I.O.M. IM1 3PE. Enquiries to Corkhill & Callow Ltd., Funeral Directors, tel: (01624) 813114.

PICKARD - On May 19th 1995, Philip Pickard, dearly loved husband of Beryl, father of Andrew and Stephen, their wives Thelma and Mary and grandfather of Paul, Neil, Michelle and Suzanne. Funeral service at Hendon Crematorium, family flowers only.

QUIBELL - On May 15th, Janet Sotherland, aged 56 years, loving wife of Richard, of Ipstones, Staffs. Devoted mother of Anna and Dominic. Funeral Thursday May 25th, Service at St Leonard's Church, Ipstones, Nr Leek, at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, C/O David H Smith F.D. Tel 01538 399661.

SOWDEN - On 15th May at St Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Elyned Margaret (née Meyrick), wife of Harry. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will take place at St Michael's Church, Mickleham, on Friday 26th May at 3 pm. Enquiries please to Sherlock & Sons, Dorking, tel: (01306) 882266.

WARD - On May 18th, peacefully in hospital, Dr. Mary Pamela (née Woodman Dowding), aged 82, dearly beloved wife of the late Dr. James Ward of Gaddesby, Leicestershire, much loved mother and grandmother of Andrew and Felicity, Charlotte and Melissa. The funeral will take place on May 25th at 1.30 pm in St Luke's Church, Gaddesby. All enquiries to G.E. Gamble & Sons, 57 High Street, Syston, Leicester, tel: (0116) 2607600.

WHEELER - On the 19th May, David Wheeler of Pimlico, aged 76. Much loved husband, brother and uncle. R.I.P. Enquiries Kenyon's 0171 834 4624

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OBITUARIES

EVELYN LINCOLN

Evelyn Lincoln, former personal secretary to President John F. Kennedy, died in Washington on May 11 aged 85. She was born in Polk County, Nebraska, on June 25, 1909.

THE least fashionable of the various courtiers of Camelot, Evelyn Lincoln was nonetheless one of the most valuable members of President Kennedy's White House entourage. For a thousand days she sat in much closer proximity to him than any of the more colourful aides whom he brought with him to Washington. Nor was she in any sense an *ingénue*. Although she did not predate the Irish mafia from Massachusetts, she had been in Kennedy's service as long as Theodore Sorensen and much longer than, for example, Arthur Schlesinger Jr or Pierre Salinger. But the relationship between the two of them remained strictly a professional one — even when they were alone it was always " 'Miz' Lincoln" and "Mr President".

They were together for more than ten years, from the very beginning of John Fitzgerald Kennedy's career in the Senate in January 1953 until November 22, 1963, when Evelyn Lincoln was riding in a bus behind the President's car in Dallas. It had been a remarkably successful working partnership. Lincoln was efficient, highly intelligent and a confidante whose devotion to her boss and his ambitions was limitless. Within weeks of their meeting, when Kennedy was a green senatorial candidate and she was a 43-year-old congressional aide on the lookout for a politician with White House possibilities, she made herself indispensable.

There was not much about JFK that Lincoln did not know. In addition to her official duties, she was also required to telephone women — be they call-girls or film stars — to ask for dates on his behalf. She never appears to have resented this side of her work — even if, many years later, she was to estimate (probably exaggeratedly) that "half my time was spent" fielding calls from women trying to keep tabs on the President.

And certainly her role in this regard provided her with exclusive knowledge. She always claimed to be one of the first to know that Kennedy's romance with Jacqueline Bouvier was serious. She had reached her own conclusions when the then junior senator from Massachusetts departed from his normal practice of getting her to make his calls and started phoning the then *Washington Times-Herald* photographer himself.



Evelyn Lincoln with President Kennedy and his son John at the White House

Evelyn Lincoln, however, never got on particularly well with Jacqueline Kennedy and, after the latter's death, was to be found accusing her on television of having conducted her own *affaires* from the private quarters in the White House. There was no doubt, however, of her devotion to her former boss. Twice a year she would place three red roses on his grave in Arlington National Cemetery — a tribute all the more striking coming from a woman whose nature had always been undemonstrative.

For the 34 months of JFK's reign Evelyn Lincoln's office — next to the President's, and equipped with a bowl of sweets and a humidor of gift cigars not up to presidential standards — was a nerve centre of the White House. Kennedy's Vice-President, Lyndon Johnson, she later revealed, used to cut through her office to give White House aides the false impression that he had been closeted with the President.

She was a secretarial magpie, saving virtually every scrap of paper that crossed Kennedy's desk, and even rummaging in wastebaskets for his doodles and jottings. After his death she donated everything she had collected to the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston, of which she was one of the seven original incorporators. The doodles have since become one of the most popular exhibits.

Evelyn Norton, the daughter of a Nebraska congressman (curiously, Kennedy's speechwriter, Theodore Sorensen, came from that state too), was a graduate of Washington's George Washington University, where she met her husband, Harold Lincoln. She studied law for two years before going to work on Capitol Hill for an obscure congressman from Georgia.

Made redundant by Mrs Kennedy immediately after the assassination, she was also peremptorily removed by LBJ from her former key position in the White House. She continued to work there, though, for a period while never hiding her disdain for Kennedy's successor. She later went so far as to claim that her former boss had told her before the trip to Dallas that he intended to dump Lyndon Johnson from the Democratic ticket in 1964.

When Johnson himself was elected by a landslide in that election, Lincoln left Washington to write the first of her two volumes of memoirs. She later returned to Capitol Hill as a secretary from 1967 to 1973, always keeping her eye open for another presidential hopeful.

In 1982 Lincoln thought she had finally found what she was looking for in the person of Senator Gary Hart of Colorado, for whom she campaigned in both his bids for the Democratic nomination. "The people who loved John Kennedy should love Gary Hart," she said. Ironically, it was Hart's capacity to love not wisely but too often that brought him down — the very flaw which Lincoln had covered up so assiduously for her idol, Kennedy.

She is survived by her husband Abe, a lawyer who was himself for many years a staffer on Capitol Hill.

JOHN RICH

John Rich, CMG, former British Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, 1980-85, and Switzerland, 1985-88, died from cancer on May 13 aged 66. He was born on June 29, 1928.



AS A young diplomat in the early 1960s John Rich was a member of the Foreign Office team which tried to fulfil the dream of the then Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, by securing Britain's entry into the Common Market. The Brussels talks broke down when President de Gaulle delivered his unequivocal "Non!" — but not before Rich had managed to write his name into this short chapter of British history. One of his tasks had been to translate the Treaty of Rome into a working English version for Whitehall. He did it so well that the "Rich translation" became the accepted text for three decades.

Suddenly left high and dry without a post when the talks collapsed, Rich was drafted as head of chancery to the British Political Residency in Bahrain, where again he carved out a small niche of his own. When inter-ethnic fighting erupted among expatriate oil workers on the island of Das, he summoned a tank landing craft *HMS Striker*, which by chance was under the command of an old schoolfriend, and asked it to stand by offshore. He liked to claim afterwards to have been one of the last British diplomats to solve a problem by sending in the traditional gun-boat.

Yet John Roland Rich was far from belonging to the traditional mould of imperial envoys. Born in Durham, he was the son of a lecturer at Durham University who was later to become the first Professor of Education at Hull. Sent to school at Sedbergh, he became head of his house — the same house later to be led by England's present rugby captain, Will Carling. Rich would whimsically refer to Will Carling as "my successor".

From Sedbergh he went to Clare College, Cambridge, as a foundation exhibitioner to read modern languages. He also rowed for the college and was a leading light in founding the university's branch of the United Nations Association.

First posted to the Royal Artillery on National Service, Rich was transferred to the Intelligence Corps on being commissioned and was sent to a field security unit in Trieste.

He also won some distinction by scoring "over 100 per cent" on a photo-intelligence course. One of the tests involved identifying signal boxes in a marshalling yard. A lifelong steam train enthusiast, Rich recognised the yard and was able to point to one box that even the examiners had missed.

Already accepted for the Diplomatic Service on leaving Cambridge, he joined the Foreign Office in King Charles Street in 1951. His first overseas posting two years later was to Addis Ababa, where he met his wife Rosemary — who had arrived as a young teacher at the English school there.

He subsequently served in Stockholm, 1956-59, Bahrain, 1963-66, Prague, 1969-72, then (after two years as a Foreign Service Inspector) was Commercial Counsellor in Bonn, 1974-78. Europe and commerce were the two areas in which he specialised and the trebling of British trade with Germany during his time in Bonn may have played its part in his appointment as CMG in 1978.

There followed two years as Consul-General in Montreal, 1976-80, before his two postings as an Ambassador — to Czechoslovakia and Switzerland. He took great satisfaction from the "Velvet Revolution" in Prague, which saw the ending of communism there in 1989, a year after he had retired at the age of 60.

He accepted a number of part-time jobs in his retirement, including that of political adviser to the National Care Homes Association. Retaining close links with Whitehall, he acted as consultant to the government-sponsored "Know-How" Fund, advising former Stalinist countries (Estonia and Slovakia in Rich's case) on establishing new democratic systems. He also became a "scrutineer" or "weeder", checking Foreign Office papers for sensitive material before they are made available at the Public Record Office.

A comfortably well-built, pipe-smoking man with a twinkle in his eye and no pretensions, John Rich made many friends and had few enemies. His *modus operandi* as an ambassador included travelling widely and meeting people — a job for which his quiet charm had well equipped him.

He learnt Czech while based in Prague and was gratified on leaving to be presented with a cut-glass vase by locally employed Czechs and Slovaks at the embassy. It remained one of his most treasured memorabilia.

He was also a man of surprising interests, including botany and especially wild orchids. When in Switzerland he enlarged and enhanced his reputation during his long alpine walks by discovering a number of species which were previously unknown to the Swiss authorities. In later years he also took part in a survey on the wild orchids growing in Surrey.

But John Rich had to give up most of his activities early this year when he fell victim to cancer. He is survived by his wife, their daughter and two sons.

PROFESSOR SIEGFRIED STEIN

Professor Siegfried Stein, Hebrew scholar, died on April 29 aged 85. He was born on June 6, 1909.

THE death of Siegfried Stein is a reminder of the extent to which the intellectual life of this country was enriched, in many fields, by Hitler's determination to eliminate German Jewry. Stein's father was employed in one of the major Jewish business houses in Berlin, and the choice of the forename Siegfried for his only child reflected the sense of integration with German culture felt by many German Jews at the beginning of this century.

The son's name was to become a source of embarrassment to him, and he eventually dropped it in favour of its synagogal equivalent, Joshua. The family was firmly rooted in Jewish tradition, and Stein, who had early in life espoused Zionist ideals, decided to emigrate. But the extent to which he still felt himself culturally comfortable, if not at home, in Germany, is reflected in the subject of his thesis.

This was a study of the portrayal of heretics in Middle High German literature, 1050-1250, and it earned him a PhD at Heidelberg in 1933, by which time there were no longer any career prospects for Jews in the German universities.

In order to build on his Jewish education he entered the great *Hochschule* for Jewish studies in Berlin, whose faculty included some of the most distinguished Jewish scholars of the time. Stein was, at the same time, teaching in various Jewish schools in Berlin. He had no inclination towards entering the rabbinate, but he received qualifications from the *Hochschule* in 1935, and forthwith departed for England.

He was more fortunate than many academic refugees in that he secured, almost immediately, a part-time post at University College London, and this enabled him, despite the exiguousness of his income, to get his parents out of Berlin before the outbreak of war.

Some of the war years he spent in Oxford but in 1945 his post at University College London became full-time. In due course his scholarly standing was recognised by his appointment as reader and ultimately, in 1963, professor. In 1957 he published a stimulating article comparing the *haggadah*, or text read to accompany the family dinner celebrating the night of Passover, with the Greco-Roman *symposia*-literature reflected in Athaenaeus's' *Deipnosophistae*.

He also published several articles on Jewish financial activities in antiquity, the Middle Ages, and up to the 17th century, with a view to producing a full-scale study of the subject, but this remained unwritten. In the early post-war years heavy teaching loads were the norm in language, literature and history departments, except for the largest, in nearly all British universities, and lecturers often had to cover a wider spectrum than they would have wished within their own subject. For Stein his own research always took second place to teaching responsibilities and the fructification of the scholarship of others. A notable example of the latter was the time that he invested in editing a festschrift presented to Alexander Altmann.

The two decades following 1945 were a period of substantial expansion in British universities, through an input of government money, particularly in the field of Oriental Studies. Whilst this enabled Stein to begin extending his department from what had been at best a 1½-man team, two other factors coincided. The first was the availability, through the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, of funds contributed by way of moral reparation by successive German governments; and the second was the circumstance that University College readily agreed to provide an academic home for the Institute of Jewish Studies that Alexander Altmann had founded in Manchester when, in 1959, he left to take up a chair in the United States.

Stein exploited these opportunities to the full, and was for a time director of the institute as well as being head of the department, the name of which (previously Hebrew) became Hebrew and Jewish studies.

The colleagues whom he recruited, some of them already established, others promising younger scholars, constituted a significant nucleus on the academic map. In particular, these included the late Professor J. G. Weiss, who gained an international reputation for his studies of 18th and 19th-century Hasidism; and Chimen Abramsky, whose interests in Jewish social and economic integration in various parts of Europe after the French Revolution neatly complemented those of Weiss.

Stein retired in 1974 to settle in Israel, and the eminence of those who attended his retirement dinner indicated the esteem and affection in which he was held. Sadly, for a number of years preceding his death he had been rendered oblivious of his surroundings by illness.

He married Rachel Werblowsky, who survives him, together with a daughter and two sons.

PROFESSOR KENNETH SIMMONDS

Kenneth Simmonds, Professor of International Law in the University of London, 1976-92, died on April 30 aged 67. He was born on November 11, 1927.



AN ACADEMIC lawyer bred in the common law tradition, Kenneth Simmonds had a rare quality which enabled him to be totally at ease with the concepts of other legal systems. Indeed, in his capacity, first as assistant director and then as director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, he foresaw the necessity of establishing close links with European — and in particular French — lawyers. To his academic qualities he added a warm and friendly personality which helped greatly in establishing and maintaining these international contacts.

Kenneth Royston Simmonds was born in Watford and educated at Watford Grammar School, where he was hurt during an air raid while on firewatch on the roof of the school during the Second World War and subsequently was awarded a medal for his bravery. He did his National Service in the RAF, obtaining a commission and participating in flying operations during the Berlin airlift.

He went on to read law at Exeter College, Oxford, where had won a scholarship in history. He had originally intended to read that subject but became fascinated by law and, especially, international law. After taking his degree and completing a PhD at Oxford, he taught at the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth, moving on as a lecturer to the University of Liverpool, then as a senior lecturer at the Queen's University of Belfast, at the University of Kent and finally at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, where he was Professor of International Law until his retirement in 1992.

In 1963 he became assistant director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, becoming director in 1965. During the next ten years, under the chairmanship of Lord Denning, he accomplished a task which was all the more valuable, since during his term of office Britain was joining the European Community. The International Association of Legal Science was to recognise his services by making him its president in 1975-76.

He returned to teaching and was from 1980 to 1984 Dean to the Faculty of Law of Queen Mary College in London.

He specialised in the law of the sea and in community law, and his publications in the field were numerous. He wrote many opinions and participated in several arbitrations, the most notable being the Beagle Channel arbitration and the Dubai-Qatar arbitrations. At various times he lecturered in Canada, the United States and Belgium.

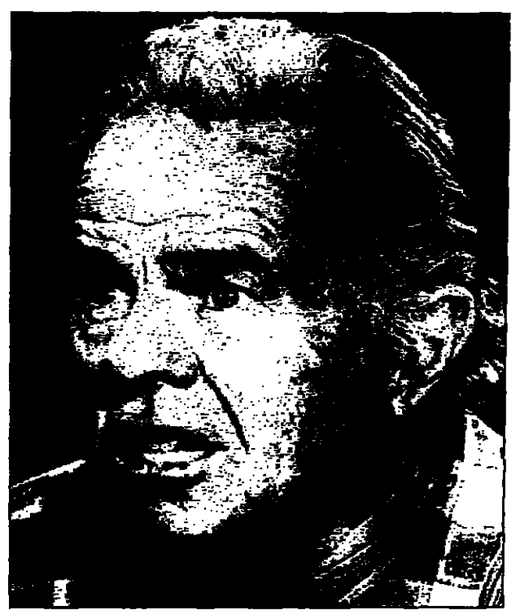
Despite his sense of humour and his bonhomie, he believed in standing up for what he thought was right and never hesitated to do so. A much-travelled man, he loved good food.

He was a Commander of the Order of Merit of Germany, a Chevalier of the French Order of Merit and an officer of the Ordre des Palmes Académiques.

He married Gloria Tatchell in 1958. He is survived by his wife and two children.

ELISHA COOK JR

Elisha Cook, Jr, Hollywood character actor, died in Big Pine, California, on May 18 aged 92. He was born in San Francisco in 1902.



MODESTLY, Elisha Cook once claimed to have appeared in more "B-for-bomb turkeys" than any other actor. It may have been true, but it disguised the fact that Cook gave memorable performances in a string of films that have become enduring classics. Playing the villain in more than a hundred films, his most notable role was as "Wilmer the gunsel," Sydney Greenstreet's bodyguard in John Huston's 1941 version of *The Maltese Falcon*, in which the intensity of his acting and his handling of the Dashiell Hammett dialogue helped to lift the film from its intended "B" status to lasting fame.

Cook was the last survivor of *The Maltese Falcon* cast, which included Humphrey Bogart, Peter Lorre and Mary Astor, and his portrayal of the psychotic baby-faced killer made him a cult figure to generations of filmgoers.

He was never a star. He was, in fact, typecast to play villains. "I played rats, pimps, informers, hotheads and communists," he once recalled. The problem was that he played them so well that no one ever thought of casting him in any other type of role. And so, after his success in *The Maltese Falcon* he found himself playing the drug-addicted jazz drummer in *Phantom Lady* (1944), the lovesick loser forced to drink poison in *The Big Sleep* (1946), the belligerent homesteader shot down in the mud by Jack Palance in *Shane* (1953), and the satanic apartment manager in *Rosemary's Baby* (1968).

"I didn't have the privilege of reading scripts," Cook once recalled. "Guys called me up and said, 'You're going to work tomorrow.' " But call they did. He was rarely out of work, and became something of a lucky charm in Hollywood because of the apparent coincidence that films he appeared in had a habit of creating cinematic legends.

In 1936 he was in Judy Garland's first film, *Pigskin Parade*, and in 1952 acted with Marilyn Monroe in *Don't Bother to Knock*, her first starring role. He was also the henpecked race-track teller in Stanley Kubrick's first commercial feature, *The Killers* (1956).

Though born on the West Coast, Cook grew up in Chicago and became an itinerant actor at an early age, playing with a travelling repertory company in the eastern and midwestern states. His big opportunity came when Eugene O'Neill picked him to play the juvenile lead in *Ah Wilderness*, which ran on Broadway for two years, after which he went to Hollywood.

Elisha Cook is believed to have been married at least twice, but leaves no immediate survivors.

The origins of Venice uncovered

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE origins of Venice in the early Middle Ages have been documented by a series of radiocarbon dates from Oxford University. They confirm the tradition that the Venetian state was founded by refugees fleeing from the Lombard occupation of the mainland in the late sixth century and settling on the islands of the lagoon.

Six dates from borings below the church of San Lorenzo di Ammiana, near Torcello, "indicate an age for human activity in the second half of the sixth century and seventh century", according to the journal *Archaeometry*. "It well predates the time when Rivoalto, the future Rialto, emerged as the ducal seat in AD 809-811." The church itself has remains going back to the ninth century, with mosaics of the twelfth, although the present building is of Renaissance date.

Another isolated church, San Francesco del Deserto, on an island northeast of the centre of Venice, has yielded even earlier remains.

Part of a boat, with oak ribs and a limewood hull tied together with flexible small branches, was found and dated to the fifth century AD. Radiocarbon dates from the Oxford AMS system suggested that it was built between AD 425 and 550: pegs from the boat and reeds underlying it yielded ages identical to those from two poles driven into the mud, which "may represent the remains of a wooden enclosure or simple wharf built along the edge of a canal".

The first early canal in the vicinity of the Piazza San Marco has also been detected: excavations behind Jacopo Sansovino's famous sixteenth-century Biblioteca Marciana yielded five dates of the seventh and eighth centuries. "The associated sediment is canal fill: this sheds new light on the early topography of the area, since until now no canal was known in this part of San Marco," the journal reports.

A group of deep cores in front of the Basilica di San Marco, in the Piazza and Piazzetta, have shown that the lagoon islands built up rapidly towards the end of the Ice Age, perhaps as a result of the melting of the Alpine glaciers, although at this time the Adriatic coastline was miles further south and the peat deposits show no evidence of seawater in the vicinity.

The lagoon itself existed five thousand years ago, as did the barrier of the Lido. The geo-archaeology of Venice seems to have been as dynamic and eventful as La Serenissima's subsequent glorious history.

Source: *Archaeometry* 34: 349: 37: 211-212.

THE WAR. THE RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

So general had become the confidence in the accuracy of the Reuter telegram announcing the relief of Mafeking that the anxiety for official news had largely subsided by yesterday. When the Colonial Office became acquainted with the official confirmation, orders were issued to hoist the national flag, and the Union Jack was run up to the head of a recently-erected flagstaff on the Whitehall front of the building.

Hitherto the Government offices had made no display, but this was taken as a signal, and flags were soon floating from the Home Office, the Local Government Board, the Treasury, and the Privy Council offices.

At the India Office workmen were engaged in fixing a gigantic flagstaff for the Queen's birthday, and though the work was by no means finished the example of the other departments was followed. At the War Office, too, the Union Jack was hoisted, and the crowd in Pall-mall, realizing the significance of the incident, cheered with a will. The inquiry lobbies were full, and the people there took up the cheer and a spirited rendering of the National Anthem and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." . . . Soon Pall-mall was thronged, but it was easy to see that the official news created less surprise than satisfaction.

COL. BADEN-POWELL PROMOTED.

We are informed by the War Office that the Queen has approved the promotion of Colonel R.S.S. Baden-Powell to Major-General.

At the residence of Mrs. Baden-Powell it was ascertained late yesterday afternoon that she had received no direct news, but had heard the official tidings and also of the promotion bestowed upon her son. The front of the house was gaily decorated with flags and bunting as well as a device formed of fairy lamps into the initials "B.-P." and the word "Mafeking," which were lighted up at dusk. Streams of carriages brought people anxious to renew the congratulations which followed the unofficial news, and an enthusiastic crowd which occupied the roadway cheered in concert from time to time, a band of youthful students leading the demonstration.

In many places in the country rejoicings over the relief of Mafeking were continued yesterday, business being suspended, a holiday being given to the school children, and collections being taken in aid of Lady Georgiana Curzon's fund.

WIMBLEDON. — After the relief of Mafeking had been celebrated at Wimbledon by a torchlight procession on Saturday night a crowd marched to Cambridge-house, Wimbledon-park-road, the residence of Mr. W.T. Stead, and in the early hours of Sunday morning invaded the grounds and did much damage to the flower-beds and conservatory windows. The demonstrators remained a considerable time hooting, yelling, ringing bells, and generally making a great disturbance. During the celebrations the Union Jack at the Wimbledon Liberal Club was torn down and some of the windows of the building were smashed.

ON THIS DAY

May 22, 1900

Maffick, verb: "A journalistic word used to designate the extravagant behaviour of the London crowds on the relief of Mafeking" (OED). There were ugly scenes at Wimbledon outside the house of the journalist W.T. Stead, who suffered for his pro-Boer attitude.

THE TIMES TODAY

MONDAY MAY 22 1995

NEWS

Ministers fight back at Thatcher

■ Senior Conservatives rounded on Baroness Thatcher after she attacked John Major's leadership and accused the Government of dodging important decisions.

Kenneth Clarke led the counter-offensive, accusing the former Prime Minister of rewriting history and pointing out that many of the Government's problems had arisen from her administration. Others privately described Lady Thatcher as "an irrelevance", "out of touch" and "suffering the effects of sour grapes" ..... Pages 1, 8

Blair promises tough inflation policy

■ Tony Blair will make a decisive break with Labour's past by pledging that the war against inflation will be at the centre of his economic policy. The Labour leader will tell his party that it faces a "long haul" to put the economy right ..... Page 1

Girl murdered

A girl of 14 was sexually assaulted, beaten and then strangled as she travelled home after meeting a friend in Leeds ..... Page 1

Club warfare

A clubland putsch is being plotted against the old guard of the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club in a renewed attempt to secure equal treatment for women ..... Page 1

Union clash

Contenders for the top job in Labour's biggest trade union clashed as Bill Morris accused his challenger for the leadership of the TGWU of having "a lust for power" ..... Page 2

Sons comforted

The three boys separated from their parents after a judge jailed the pair for lying over a minor motoring offence have been told by relatives that their mother and father are on holiday ..... Page 3

North Sea alert

Thousands of ton of deadly chemicals are continuing to pour into the North Sea despite a ten-year clean-up aimed at protecting birds, marine mammals and fish stocks ..... Page 6

Tory anger

The Tories enter the final week of the Perth and Kinross by-election angered by allegations that the late Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, had an illegitimate son ..... Page 8

Extremists defeated

The extreme right-wing Vlaams Blok, which campaigns against immigration, failed to make a predicted breakthrough in Belgium's general election ... Page 12

Arizona gunfight

A defiant National Rifle Association declared war on the White House at its convention in Arizona, showing just how profoundly many heartland Americans distrust their Government .... Page 9

Diplomatic battle

America is flexing its diplomatic muscles to block proposals for deep cuts in the UN force in Bosnia-Herzegovina ..... Page 11

EU fraud

If the subsidised butter exported to the tiny Pyrenean country of Andorra under the common agricultural policy was consumed there, every citizen would have to eat three and a half pounds a day ..... Page 12

Biggest royal tomb

Egyptologists examining a tomb in the Valley of the Kings, which is believed to be the burial chamber for 50 sons of Rameses II, think it is the biggest pharonic burial chamber found ..... Page 13

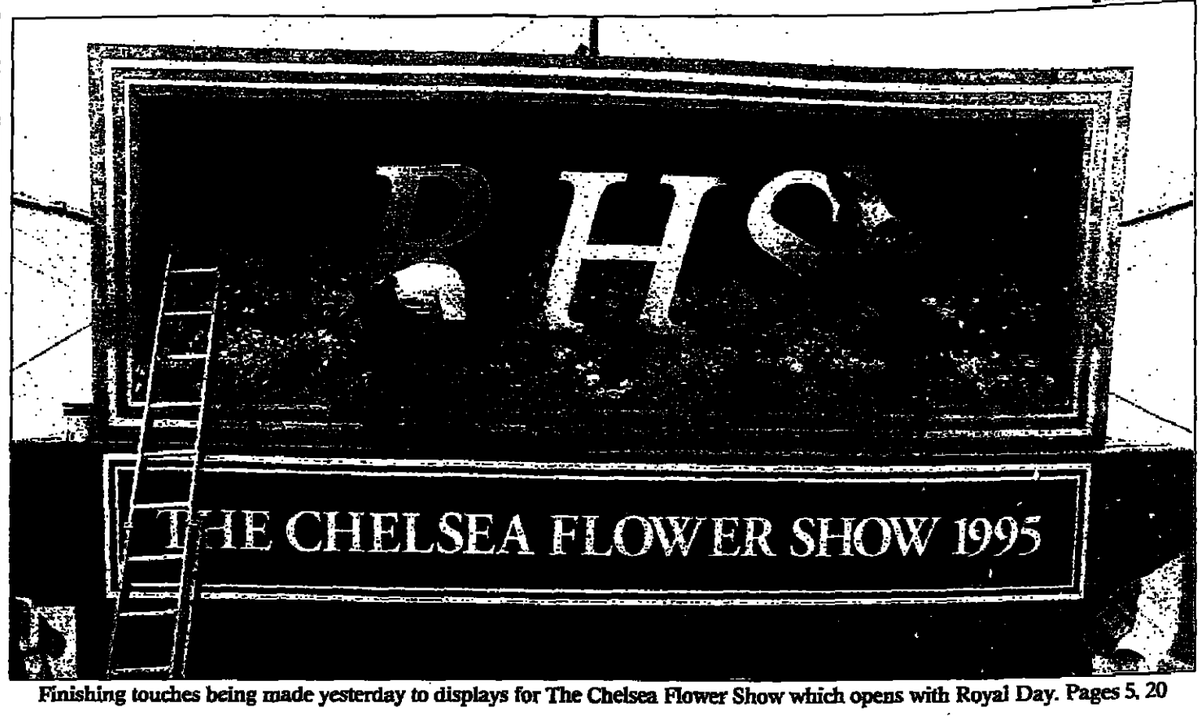
Rushdie hope

New signs emerged that the Iranian Government may take steps towards lifting the six-year-old death sentence on Salman Rushdie ..... Page 13

Rewriting the script

■ The Heritage Secretary who recently found himself unable to remember the last film he had seen tried to prove his interest by spending a day at the Cannes Film Festival. But the script did not go as Stephen Dorrell had expected. As he was whisked between meetings two leading film-makers launched a vicious attack on his apparent lack of interest in his brief ..... Page 1

JAMES MORGAN



Finishing touches being made yesterday to displays for The Chelsea Flower Show which opens with Royal Day. Pages 5, 20

BUSINESS

Camelot Group: The operator of the National Lottery is expected to face a storm of protest when it announces maiden profits of more than £15 million ..... Page 44

Lloyd's: A compensation package of more than £2.5 billion for names will be announced tomorrow, coinciding with news that names have lost a further £1.5 billion, pushing losses over five years to nearly £9 billion ..... Page 44

Hard work: The Government will claim that Britain's industrial competitiveness is improving as it proposes ways of further boosting performance ..... Page 44

Decision day: ICI will learn today whether a fresh bid for Grow Group, the US paintmaker, has been accepted ..... Page 44

FEATURES

On stage: Dr Nancy Lane, who teaches zoology at Cambridge, says her acting experience is invaluable in the lecture theatre ..... Page 16

Libby Purves: "Just because men ignored and belittled women's feelings for centuries there is no reason we should do it to them" ... Page 17

The biggest audition: "Who knows if the next man to mutter in your ear is a tripper from Nice, a rep from the porno contingent or Quentin Tarantino". Julia Llewellyn Smith in Cannes .... Page 17

EDUCATION

Important choice: Twenty years ago, an MBA guaranteed a good job. Nowadays employers no longer ask "do you have an MBA?" but "where did you get it?" ..... Page 37

ARTS

Flying the flag: In his first report from the Cannes Film Festival, Geoff Brown looks at the wealth of British period dramas in competition and some notable directorial debuts from abroad ..... Page 14

Rock show: Little Richard and Chuck Berry carried the show when fellow rock 'n' roller Fats Domino "took ill" ..... Page 14

Dance history: Birmingham Royal Ballet presented a trio of historic ground-breaking ballets at Covent Garden, including the 1942 masterwork *Pillar of Fire* ..... Page 14

Floppy revival: Mary Chase's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Harvey*, comes back to the West End. But even television stalwarts Gorden Kaye and Rue McClanahan cannot save it ..... Page 15

SPORT

Football: Everton's revival brings triumph for them and despair for Manchester United ..... Page 27

West Indies: The poor form of Richie Richardson, the captain, and Curtly Ambrose, the fast bowler, is causing the tourists concern after their draw with Somerset ..... Page 29

Rugby union: England are debating whether to bring in Dewi Morris at scrum half for their opening game of the World Cup .... Page 23

Rugby league: Wigan completed a clean sweep of the four domestic competitions by winning the Premiership with a 69-12 victory over Leeds ..... Page 30

Golf: Severiano Ballesteros won the Spanish Open for a third time with a two-stroke advantage over fellow Spaniards, José Rivero and Ignacio Garrido ..... Page 24

Cricket: Robin Smith, the forgotten man of English cricket despite his impressive record, is hooked on a return to the international arena ..... Page 28

Racing: Spectrum has been cut to 3-1 for the Derby after winning the Irish 2,000 Guineas ..... Page 31

Schools: Dorset, which does not possess a first-class county side, has two of the most prolific century-making schoolboys in the country ..... Page 28



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ ART TRUTHS
Setting the record straight: where the French Impressionists got their ideas

■ BERNARD LEVIN
Will the famous composers of today still be played tomorrow?

LOTTERY NUMBERS

15, 16, 17, 28, 32, 46. Bonus: 22

TV LISTINGS

Preview: A woman doctor faces with Victorian prejudice. *Bramwell* (ITV, 9 pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on Sunday night's "crushing ruralmisery" ..... Page 43

OPINION

The me-too economy

If, as is likely, the economy is still performing well in 1997, Tony Blair will not want to fight a general election over economics ..... Page 19

Wrongs of way

Just as attempts to "unblock" established footpaths deserve support, so the objective of the Ramblers' Association to assert a right to roam over all uncultivated land does not ..... Page 19

A rugby rainbow

The staging of the Rugby World Cup will dwarf in its consequence every other occasion in the history of South African sport ..... Page 19

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

In diplomatic terms, one of the dangers of the war in Bosnia is that it will break the alliances. There are significant differences of attitude inside the European Union. There are much greater differences inside Nato ..... Page 19

PETER RIDDELL

It is no good MPs complaining about the intrusiveness of Brussels if they do not attempt to influence European legislation before decisions are reached ..... Page 19

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Lincoln, former personal secretary to President Kennedy; **John Rich**, former British Ambassador; **Elisha Cook, Jr**, character actor; **Professor Siegfried Stein**, Hebrew scholar ..... Page 21

LETTERS

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu on tourist road signs; the Nolan debate ..... Page 19

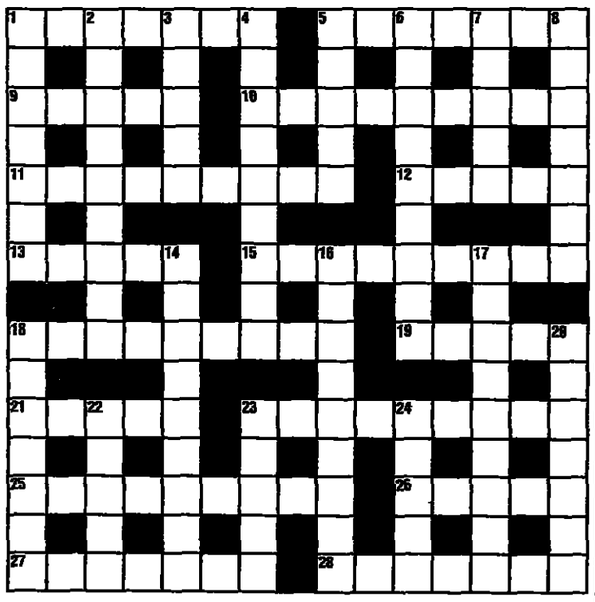
THE PAPERS

It will be a triumph for Gerry Adams this week: he will have Sir Patrick Mayhew in one hand and an Armalite in the other

— The Sunday Telegraph

The Government has lectured us often enough that those who have nothing to hide, have nothing to fear. MPs should follow that and open the books *— The Observer*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,861



ACROSS

1 Established Oriental and French wine turnover last month (7)
5 Uninhibited individual finding entertainment substandard (4-3)
9 Right held by parents in Italy (5)
10 Getting badly beat means humiliation (9)
11 Never leaves off! (9)
12 For the present time it's 21 (5)
13 Projector with an arm-rest (5)
15 People asking questions of pitmen following cut-back (9)
18 The growth in gold was good for the speculator! (9)
19 23 *dn* can set one so at odds (5)
21 Saw non-drinker in low accommodation (5)
23 A person looking around needs spectacles always (9)
25 Observes focus is an optical problem (3-6)
26 Trains one or two (5)
27 Attack when alone (7)
28 The section empowered to supply heating (7)

DOWN

1 Certainly not slow to speak (7)
2 Realise it may be different for an old tribesman (9)
3 Many Scots long to be a big noise! (5)
4 They're put across in round figures (9)
5 Make-up wins a lover (5)
6 Being candid about relation's employment (9)
7 Foreign character taking part in some game or other (5)
8 Thickhead's embonpoint (7)
14 Discovering corruption in an order, he's choked (9)
16 The eccentric can rage or bluster (9)
17 No longer in accord over a charge, that's clear (9)
18 Modify a painting technique (7)
20 "Life is real! Life is —!" (Longfellow) (7)
22 A link that is apparent in deposit being raised (3-2)
23 Points are given for 19 (5)
24 Board's report about bad start (5)

KNOCKANDO
PURE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,860 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

Times Two Crossword, page 44

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N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
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Grampian & E Highlands	724
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Area within M25	731
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National motorways	737
West Country	739
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North-east England	743
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Baltasound, Shetland, 8C (43F); highest rainfall: Kirkwall, Orkney, 0.16in; highest sunshine: Saunton Sands, Devon, 14.5hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Mainly dry with some sunshine. England and Wales will have a fine, mainly dry day. The north may be cloudy at times but otherwise there will be sunny spells, especially in the south. It will become quite warm in light winds, but sea breezes will keep coasts fresher and a little cooler. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy on the whole but, while the east may catch some sunny intervals, the west will have a little rain, especially at first. Southerly winds will slowly moderate and temperatures will be slightly up on Sunday.

☐ **London, E Midlands, W Midlands, NW England, Central N:** Dry, sunny spells. Wind south or southeast light. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales:** Dry, sunny spells. Wind between east and south light. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands:** Rather cloudy, few spots of rain. Wind south mainly moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Mainly dry, a few sunny intervals. Wind south light or moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy, patchy rain or drizzle. Wind south moderate or fresh, decreasing. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Argyll, N Ireland:** Cloudy, patchy rain at first. Wind south mainly moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain spreading in from the west, thundery over England and Wales later. Temperatures above normal.

ABROAD

Ajaccio	20	68	s	C'phagn	10	50	f	Majorca	20	68	f
Akrotiri	25	77	s	Corfu	23	73	s	Malaga	21	70	f
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Dublin	11	52	r	Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	22	72	s	Dubrovnik	13	55	c	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Amst'dm	11	52	f	Faro	26	79	s	Mexico C	25	77	f
Athens	21	70	f	Florence	18	64	f	Miami	32	90	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Frankfurt	15	59	c	Milan	20	68	s
Bangkok	38	97	s	Funchal	21	70	s	Montreal	17	63	s
Barbados	28	84	f	Geneva	16	59	s	Moscow	25	77	s
Barcelona	18	64	s	Gibraltar	21	70	f	Munich	13	55	f
Beirut	28	73	s	Helsinki	18	64	t	Nairobi	24	75	c
Belgrade	11	52	f	Hong K	32	90	f	Naples	19	66	s
Berlin	13	55	f	Innsbruck	9	48	c	N Delhi	39	10	s
Bermuda	25	77	c	Istanbul	23	73	s	N York	23	73	f
Biarritz	19	66	s	Jeddah	33	91	s	Nice	19	66	s
Borde'x	19	66	s	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	11	52	c
Brussels	13	55	r	L Palmas	23	73	s	Paris	16	61	c
Budapest	16	61	c	La Toquet	14	57	f	Peking	25	77	c
B Aires	17	63	s	Lisbon	25	77	s	Perth	20	68	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Locarno	21	70	s	Prague	15	59	f
Cape Tn	14	57	s	L Angels	16	59	c	Reykjavik	7	45	f
Chicago	24	75	s	Luxembg	13	55	c	Rhodes	28	82	s
Ch'church	12	54	-	Luxor	41	10	s	Rio de J	23	73	f
Cologne	13	55	c	Madrid	23	73	s	Riyadh	39	10	s

Rome	15	59	f	Salzburg	10	50	c				
S F'isco	13	55	c	Santiago	22	72	s				
S Paulo	18	64	s	Seoul	20	68	f				
Sing'por	30	86	t	St'kholm	10	66	f				
Strasb'rg	18	64	t	Sydney	17	63	f				
Tangier	24	75	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	s				
Tenerife	24	75	s	Tokyo	21	70	c				
Toronto	18	64	s	Tunis	22	72	f				
Valencia	23	73	s	Vanc'ver	14	57	s				
Venice	15	59	c	Vienna	12	54	c				
Warsaw	11	52	r	Wash'ton	26	79	s				
Wel'ngton	12	54	s	Zurich	14	57	c				

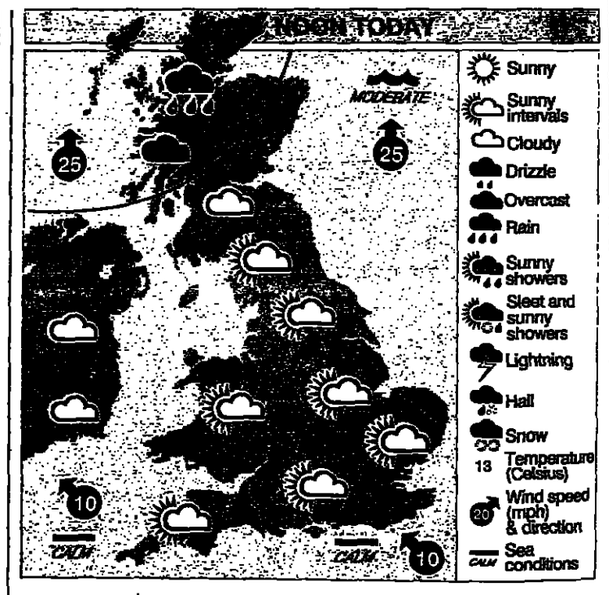
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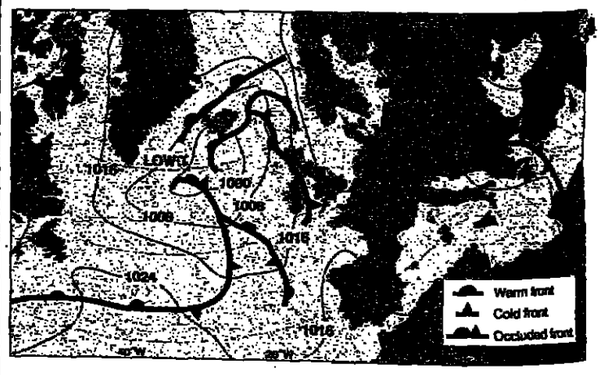
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X					Littlehmptn	10.4	-	16	61	s
Anglesey	3.3	-	14	57	b	Liverpool	0.6	-	15	59	c
Aspatria	6.2	-	15	59	b	London	4.4	-	16	61	b
Aviemore	8.4	-	16	61	b	Lowestoft	5.8	-	12	54	s
Belfast	1.6	0.03	13	55	r	Manchester	0.4	-	15	59	c
Birmingham	1.7	-	16	61	c	Margate	5.2	-	15	59	s
Bognor R	11.3	-	17	63	s	Mtnshead	4.3	-	16	61	b
Bournem'th	11.2	-	16	61	s	Morecambe	4.3	-	15	59	c
Bristol	6.2	-	17	63	b	Newcastle	3.0	-	15	59	b
Buxton	3.2	-	13	55	b	Newquay	6.4	-	14	57	b
Cardiff	8.4	-	16	61	s	Norwich	5.7	-	13	55	s
Clacton	5.8	-	13	55	s	Nottingham	X				
Cleethorpes	3.4	-	14	57	b	Oxford	1.7	-	16	61	b
Colwyn Bay	5.9	-	16	61	s	Penzance	2.0	-	14	57	c
Cromer	8.4	-	11	52	s	Plymouth	10.1	-	15	59	s
Doncaster	0.9	-	16	61	c	Poole	10.7	-	17	63	s
Dunbar	3.1	-	15	59	c	Prestatyn	X	-	16	61	b
Eastbourne	11.2	-	15	59	s	Ross-o-wye	9.6	-	17	63	b
Edinburgh	5.3	-	17	63	b	Ryde	5.5	-	16	61	s
Eskdalemuir	4.2	-	14	57	b	Sidcombe	11.1	-	14	57	s
Exmouth	10.7	-	13	55	s	Sandown	5.4	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	X	-	17	63	b	Saunton Snd	10.0	-	16	59	s
Fishguard	5.2	-	14	57	b	Scarboro'	2.6	-	11	52	c
Folkestone	6.7	-	14	57	s	Scilly Isles	X				
Glasgow	5.7	-	16	61	b	Shanklin	7.3	-	16	61	s
Guernsey	X					Shrewsbury	0.7	-	16	61	c
Hastings	11.0	-	14	57	s	Skegness	2.0	-	13	55	c
Hayling I.	6.1	-	15	59	s	Southend	X	-	14	57	c
Herne Bay	5.5	-	15	59	b	Southport	0.5	-	15	59	c
Hove	10.1	-	16	61	s	Southsea	8.3	-	15	59	s
Hunstanton	2.6	-	13	55	c	Stornoway	5.9	0.07	12	54	c
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	13.1	-	14	57	s
Isle of Man	X					Teignmouth	10.4	-	15	59	s
Jersey	12.4	-	17	63	s	Tenby	4.8	-	13	55	c
Kinloss	10.1	-	18	64	b	Tiree	0.5	0.06	12	54	r
Leeds	0.5	-	16	61	c	Torquay	11.2	-	15	59	s
Lerwick	5.5	-	9	48	b	Ventnor	7.2	-	X	X	s
Leuchars	X					Weymouth	10.2	-	15	59	s

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: High B will slip eastwards and slowly decline. Complex low T will remain in place and maintain its central pressure.



TIDE TIMES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7:22	6.51	7:52	6.30	Leith	8:36	4.85	9:21	4.72
Aberdeen	7:18	3.59	8:20	3.49	Liverpool	4:56	8.29	5:37	7.94
Avonmouth	0:29	11.10	1:04	10.70	Lowestoft	3:54	2.15	3:30	2.15
Belfast	5:05	3.21	5:57	2.98	Margate	5:58	4.21	6.10	4.13
Cardiff	0:27	9.65	0:59	9.73	Milford Haven	–	–	0:25	5.95
Devonport	11:59	4.52	–	–	Newquay	11:25	5.41	11:56	5.61
Dover	4:57	5.69	5:21	5.81	Oban	–	–	0:18	2.76
Dublin	5:32	3.94	6.35	3.89	Penzance	10:57	4.32	11:28	4.52
Falmouth	11:35	4.10	–	–	Portland	–	–	0:32	1.48
Glasgow	6.13	4.22	6.41	4.09	Portsmouth	4:58	4.03	5:48	4.18
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Michael Lynagh, left, the Australian captain, leads Jason Little, centre, and Matthew Kini during a World Cup training session in Stellenbosch yesterday. Australia, the champions, are favourites

'We are now one of the leading nations and we must not slip'

England ready for giant step



Rob Andrew, England stand-off, reports from a confident World Cup training camp in Durban

WHO would have dreamed the world of rugby union could have moved so quickly? Eight years ago, when I played in my first World Cup, it was like a leap in the dark for all of us. Now the pace changes almost daily and the alliance formed last week by the three southern-hemisphere nations, seven days before the third World Cup begins here in South Africa, ensures another step forward.

We, England's players and administrators, were forewarned of this when we toured in South Africa a year ago. That tour opened the eyes of those who run the game in the northern hemisphere and if we are going to compete on the same plane as Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, we will have to follow suit.

There is no question of turning back or breaking away. I believe that this is something England's leading players came to terms with as long ago as 1988, when we toured in Australia — several of us, Dean Richards, Peter Winterbottom, Brian Moore, Will Carling, sat down after that tour and decided that there was no reason why we should not compete at the level of the Australians.

All of us, except Will, had played in the 1987 World Cup, which was driven by Australia and New Zealand. The northern hemisphere countries, with the exception of France, had not been supportive of the tournament and knew little about what to expect; there had been no qualification process, the competing countries consisted of those who were lucky enough to receive an invitation to play in it.

But even in 1991, when the World Cup really took off during the staging of the second tournament in Britain and France, we were still slightly in awe of the southern-hemisphere countries. The first match, against New Zealand at Twickenham, showed that and so did the final which we lost to Australia. But that event did provide an enormous boost for rugby, it lifted the game onto the public stage like nothing had done before.

Now we are approaching the third tournament, with a proper qualification process — teams like Andorra, Germany, Lithuania have been involved — but the driving forces are the same with the difference that England, and perhaps France, are up there too. We believe we have earned the right to occupy the same level but the sad thing is that the rest of the world has not been able to keep up. The five countries which have all, at one time or another, been tipped as likely winners in Ellis Park, Johannesburg, next month have opened a gap and the signs are that the gap will get wider.

Those five are the countries with the resources, the players and stadia, the commercial backing and we saw last week the resolve of the southern hemisphere to maintain their primacy. They have formed a company to control the game at international and provincial level in this part of the world and it is not a question whether England decide to go with them — they must. I think the public, never mind the players, will demand that.

That is the stage the game has arrived at. Words like amateur or professional do not come into it at the moment. It is a matter of accepting the progress the game is making and ensuring we are in a position to influence it, on and off the pitch. As it happens I think we are heading rapidly towards the situation which Australia and New Zealand have reached, of player contracts, but I do not believe they will be exclusive of people earning a living outside the game. There is not enough money below representative level for players to sustain a career from rugby alone.

The England squad representatives have worked hard to create a good commercial atmosphere and, at last, we are getting somewhere. Although I hope to carry on for another year or two, it is not my generation of players who will benefit from that work but the next one and there are signs now that those players will be able to work alongside the Rugby Football Union.

If that proves to be the case, then it is possible that some players of my generation may consider becoming involved in rugby administration but only if they believe there is unity about the approach to the future. That really is the point as we prepare for the 1995 World Cup: whether we win the tournament or not we are regarded now as one of the world's leading nations and we must not slip from that position.

Conceivably there will be a problem with the other home unions because they have not the physical or economic resources that we have, yet our concern has to be with England. If we succeed, and it is a big if, then rugby union will receive another tremendous boost; the vital thing is that the players here believe they are good enough.

☐ *Rob Andrew was talking to David Hands*

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Horan misses World Cup opener

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN DURBAN

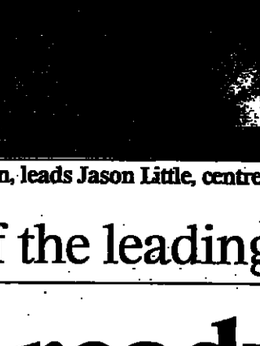
AUSTRALIA will start their defence of the Webb Ellis trophy with eight of the players who won it four years ago when the World Cup begins in Cape Town on Thursday. Five forwards and three backs played at Twickenham in the 12-6 win over England in 1991, which gives them a solid core of experience against the host nation, South Africa.

Bob Dwyer, the coach, has resisted the temptation to bring back Tim Horan at the first opportunity, preferring to stay with the midfield combination that played well in the two recent internationals against Argentina and, in particular, the centre pairing of Jason Little and Daniel Herbert that has been outstanding this season for Queensland.

The only change from the XV that began the second international against Argentina on May 6 is in the back row, where Willie Ofahengaue displaces Troy Coker on the blind-side flank. Dan Crowley is given another opportunity at loose-head prop, though Tony Daly's claims to reinstatement are growing louder by the day.

After a week of worry over Francois Pienaar's hamstring, the South Africa captain will lead his side at Newlands, though there are four changes from the XV that defeated Western Samoa in April. The surprise is that Hennie le Roux, the stand-off half on tour in Britain last autumn, retains his place in the centre. The selection of Joel Stransky at stand-off gives South Africa three goalkickers.

Ironically, the omission of Gavin Johnson leaves them without the player who scored a record 28 points in the 60-8 win over Samoa. Johnson gives way at full back to the exciting Andre Joubert, who was injured a month ago.



Pienaar: recovered

TEAMS

SOUTH AFRICA: A Joubert; J Small, J Mulder, H le Roux, P Hendriks; J Stransky, J van der Westhuizen; P du Randt, J Dalton, S Swart, F Pienaar (captain), J Strydom, M Andrews, R Kruger, R Straeuli.

Replacements: G Johnson, B Venter, J Roux, K Otto, G Pagel, C Rossouw.

AUSTRALIA: M Pini; D Smith, D Herbert, J Little, D Campese; M Lynagh (captain), G Gregan; D Crowley, P Kearns, E McKenzie, V Ofahengaue, R McCall, J Eales, D Wilson, T Gavin.

Replacements: M Burke, S Bowen, P Slattery, T Coker, M Hartill, M Foley.

Referee: W D Bevan (Wales).

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Deadpan Davies fails final excitement test



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

Just a few weeks ago I recall commending Barry Davies for the "quiet dignity" that he brought to the Boat Race. Well, all I can say after the 90 minutes of quiet dignity he brought to the FA Cup Final is — bring back John Motson. In fact, bring back anyone who can inject a bit of noise and excitement into soccer's big day out.

Davies is in danger of turning into the Tom Fleming of the BBC sports department. Impeccably researched (from the club loyalties of the Princes Harry and William to the little known fact that Denis Irwin once played for an Irish team called Everton) and dependably accurate, he looks an automatic first choice for the big occasion.

But you can have too much of that quiet voice of calm. From the moment a mahogany-tanned Des Lynam handed over a full 20 minutes before kick-off, Davies adopted a smug tone of mock solemnity that made one yearn for the high octane incredulity of his predecessor. Motson is surprised by everything — every sentence, every word is followed either by an audible question mark or even noisier exclamation mark. Davies, it seems, is surprised by nothing — all his sentences can be relied on to end in a sensible and controlled full stop.

True, he has some nice turns of phrase ("one hamstring gone, one hamstring to be gambled on" as Giggs arrived for the second half) but too often they have the staged air of something prepared in advance and filed under "just in case". As in — just in case Manchester United are losing at half-time, then "at the end of the season, there is no place to hide for Alex Ferguson" might come in useful.

But there were other reasons for thinking that the BBC's FA Cup coverage still has some way to go before it reaches the dizzying heights of its award-winning Grand National coverage. Lynam's studio, for instance, was as crowded as the Everton penalty box but, just like Manchester United, Messrs Hill, Hansen and Lineker still could not score a goal. "We're paying a fortune for these kind of opinions," joked Lynam before kick-off, "but perhaps we'll get more sense at half-time."

Well, perhaps he would have done if the three experts had been given more time to discuss the many replays that the director had rightly left to half-time. But after just seven hurried minutes of chat it was competition time — first the rather silly Goal of the FA Cup and second the hugely enjoyable but hardly relevant Goal of the Season. Now, I realise that half-time in the FA Cup guarantees that the goals are seen by one of the biggest *Grandstand* audiences of the year, but surely the competition could be given an extended slot in the tediously long build-up to kick-off. As the BBC admitted with the entertaining *FA Cup Hell*, the road to Wembley is a long one for viewers. Moving Goal of the Season would liven it up a bit — especially for the neutral supporter — and leave half-time clear for the business in hand.

Moreover, if the BBC are serious about getting their money's worth out of their experts, they could get them on rather earlier than half-an-hour before kick-off, perhaps with prepared rather than off-the-cuff thoughts about the tactical battles ahead. Late team selections don't make such things easy, but nor do they make them impossible.

There were 19 cameras, I am told, at Wembley but still it did not seem quite enough. Although there were cameras capturing the drama of the dug-outs (including, improbably, an action replay of Joe Royle winking at Alex Ferguson) any action near the touchline was seen only from afar. It would also have been rewarding if the director had had the capacity to dedicate one camera to Steve Bruce, once the extent of his injury became clear to all but the United captain and his manager. Winking was one thing, but some action replay limping was definitely in order too.

England leaving little to chance in preparations for opening game

Morris set to regain scrum-half position

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DURBAN

SO IT does rain in South Africa. The weather broke upon Cape Town on Saturday, as the 16 countries that will contest the 1995 Rugby World Cup assembled for the official welcome lunch, and swept over Durban as England enjoyed a private barbecue yesterday. Let us hope that it is not an omen for the tournament, or the talk of firm pitches and running rugby will be, excuse the expression, hot air.

Not that England have trained in the wet, and what they have done has been hard. They did not care for the day-long disruption of the flight to Cape Town on Saturday and made up for it with a sweat-inducing session of nearly three hours yesterday, supervised by the largest phalanx of coaching gurus that any English team has yet assembled.

Wales hardly needed to lock the doors for their private training session yesterday and they were delighted there was nobody clamouring to watch them. With all the hype being directed elsewhere, Geoff Evans, the Wales manager, said: "It is wonderful they are backing off. The more they dismiss us, the more it fires us up. We will do our talking on the field."

In addition to Jack Rowell and Les Cusworth, the coaches, fitness, kicking and psychological advisers are all to hand. Little is left to chance, though Dean Richards continues to elude most of the experts. The Leicester No 8 did not risk his strained hamstring in the contact work that his colleagues undertook, and though he benefited to the extent that he missed the visit to Cape Town, Richards is clearly irritated by the injury.

"It's something which happened during the final week in [the] England [season]," he said. "I've worked pretty hard for this tournament, but there's no point risking further injury. You only have to look at the work the boys are doing to know you need to be 100 per cent."

The England team to play Argentina at the King's Park stadium here on Saturday is due to be named tomorrow, although the suspicion is that the selectors decided some weeks ago how they would start. There is a distinct possibility that the XV will include Dewi Morris at scrum half, ahead of Kyran Bracken. Morris oozes fitness while Bracken has not played since England beat Scotland on March 18.

"We will pick a side to start on the right footing and then improve," Rowell said. "Dean says he is within a couple of days of being fully fit, but if he is not, you have a world-class No 8 in Ben Clarke and Steve Ojomoh and Neil Back on the flank to choose from. I would like to see Clarke play No 8 to liven Dean up a bit."

Rowell was circumspect in his references to the welcome lunch which, according to Sir Ewart Bell, the chairman of Rugby World Cup Ltd, "epitomised the concept of camaraderie and friendship which is the hallmark of the game." Few of the players sought to break training to attend, and Rowell added: "It's not easy for the players to catch up with the sleep debt and the rest debt, but that's behind us now."

Wales were in an even worse state, having left their headquarters in Bloemfontein before dawn. They flew with England from Cape Town and had to travel back via Durban. Wales brought in additional players from Orange Free State yesterday to make up the numbers in training and await the decision of the tournament director as to whether they play in their usual red against Japan on Saturday. Geoff Evans, the Wales manager, believes that there is scope for error if a change is not enforced, since the Japanese play in red and white stripes.

In his managerial capacity, Rowell also attended, in Cape Town, a meeting with the tournament referees, who are concerned with lineout and rucking techniques. The New Zealand management has tried to establish criteria for rucking which England, for one, do not agree with — hardly surprising in view of what players suffered at the feet of New Zealanders in 1993 and South Africans in 1994, and consequent damage to the game's image.

The other debate which will come before a further referees meeting, in Johannesburg today, concerns lifting and stepping sideways at the lineout. The first is now a matter of semantics — players can "support", they may not "lift" — the second purely of refereeing technique. The lineout step has become fashionable, but has now been banned, on the basis that, if referees insist upon the correct gap at the lineout, then the step is unnecessary and occupies even more time in restarting the game.

Either way, the England lineout men believe that they can cope. They have trained not to step for more than a month and Martin Johnson, the Leicester lock, said that all any team required was consistency from referees. In that respect, Derek Bevan's handling of the keynote game, between South Africa and Australia in Cape Town on Thursday, will set the tone for the tournament. No official is more experienced than the Welshman, who handled the 1991 final.



Tim Rodber leaps for the ball ahead of Ben Clarke during England's light training session yesterday in Durban

£25,000 GOLF MASTERS CHALLENGE WINNERS

Patrick Eccles from Belfast wins £25,000 for turning in a six under par performance over all 18 holes in *The Times*/*The Sunday Times* nine-week golf challenge.

And for the first time in the competition the winner of last week's holiday to The Equinox, Manchester Village, Vermont, M Young, has also picked up a daily prize of Wilson clubs for his efforts on hole 18 in *The Times*. *The Sunday Times* prize of Wilson clubs was won by Dennis O'Meara of Bedford.

THE FINAL TABLE	
Six under par	Level par
P Eccles, Belfast	A Muir, Northwich
Four under par	One over par
J O'Neill, Harpenden	M Wagge, Beaconsfield
	J Todd, Birmingham
	K Wild, Newcastle
Two under par	Two over par
R Hiseman, Witney	A Anderson, Grimsby
J O'Neill, Harpenden	J Hogan, Wirral
D Grey, Bishop Auckland	
One under par	Three over par
J Lee, Cleethorpes	S Lomas, Teddington
C Corbett, London	A Pickard, Cambridgeshire

Halpin's recovery lifts Irish hopes

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IRELAND will wait until Wednesday morning before announcing their team to meet New Zealand in their opening World Cup match, the team manager, Noel Murphy, said yesterday.

The London Irish prop, Garry Halpin, has been passed fit for the pool C encounter on Saturday, despite having picked up up an ankle injury in training on Friday.

The match in Johannesburg will be played under floodlights and the Ireland squad took the chance to train in similar conditions at Ellis Park yesterday.

Ireland have never beaten New Zealand, their best result being a draw in Dublin in 1978.

The Scotland prop, Dave Hilton, has an ankle injury and is almost certainly out of the opening match against Ivory Coast at Rustenburg on Friday. The Scotland wing, Kenny Logan faces intensive treatment on a hamstring strain to prove his fitness for the game.

Hilton did not travel to the official World Cup opening ceremony in Cape Town yesterday because of the injury.

The Scotland manager, Duncan Patterson, said: "It is a world stage and we are reluctant to take chances with Dave or any other player who picks up an injury. There are one or two options we can use in this opening game, and we probably will."

Logan said: "I'm having a couple of sessions in the hotel swimming pool each day and I hope to be able to pass myself fully fit by Tuesday when the management will be naming the side to face the Ivory Coast. I fully expect to be available for that match."

France will go all out for victory in their final pool D match against Scotland — even if they have already qualified for the quarter-finals.

The French can secure qualification with victories in their opening games against Tonga and Ivory Coast, but they will be just as committed against Scotland on June 3 in Pretoria, the team manager, Guy Laporte, said yesterday.

Laporte stressed his side wanted victory in every game. "It would be a big mistake to relax," he said. "If by accident something goes wrong, one can end up in a lot of trouble."

Laporte said he was happy with France's preparation for the tournament, which included high-altitude training in the Languedoc-Rousillon region.

The stand-off, Christophe Deylaud, who has been undergoing treatment on a broken thumb, rejoined the squad yesterday but did not work out with the rest of the back line. "The operation was a 100 per cent success," Deylaud said. "I'm fit and looking forward to getting back into action."

The veteran centre, Philippe Sella, who has been nursing an injured ankle, had a successful first training run and is ready to play in the opening match against Tonga in Pretoria on Friday.

The Canada centre, Christian Stewart, is struggling to recover from a foot injury and is a doubtful starter for his country's opening match. Stewart, 29, could miss the pool A game against Romania in Port Elizabeth on Friday after suffering a cut that needed four stitches after he caught the sole of his foot on a tile last week.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Milk Race ruled by cream of Ireland

IRISH riders had a field day in their 800-mile National Milk Race yesterday, ending the second stage with the top six positions overall (Peter Bryan writes). Brian Quinn, of Limerick, the country's top-seeded rider, won the 92-mile stage from Killeshandra to Tuam, outsprinting Chris Newton and Matthew Illingworth, of Great Britain, but Michael Fitzgerald, the leader after the first day, remained the leader overall. The decisive split in the field of 160 came after 30 miles, when 20 riders went into the lead, later to be joined by another eight.

Fitzgerald starts the 105-mile run today, from Tuam to Tipperary, with 7sec in hand from Finn O'Sullivan. Newton is seventh, 1min 19sec behind.

☐ Paul Curran, an amateur, the former double Commonwealth Games champion, won the Lands Classic 150-mile two-day race at Beverley, North Yorkshire, by 9sec from John Tanner.

Amaechi makes mark

BASKETBALL: John Amaechi celebrated his long awaited debut for England last night by contributing eight points to the 99-68 victory over Ireland at Eastleigh (Nicholas Harling writes). Amaechi, who is hoping to be drafted by Phoenix Suns in the National Basketball Association in the United States next autumn, did not start, but came on to play a significant part for the team which completed its preparations for the European championship qualifying round at the NEC in Birmingham later this week.

All 12 England players got on the scoresheet, led by Steve Bucknall with 18 points, three more than Peter Scantlebury and Kurt Samuels, who hit four three pointers. Ireland, pointless, for the first three minutes, were eventually indebted to the 18 points of Frank Powall for avoiding an absolute rout.

Walton foiled by Liston

FENCING: George Liston, of Scotland and the Royal Air Force, won the British open épee title at Hendon Police College on Saturday when he pushed Sean Walton, also of Scotland, into second place, 15-10. With only one more event counting for domestic rankings — in Poitiers, France, next weekend — Liston's place in the world championship squad looks secure. Simon Austin, who was No 1 early in the season, could manage only seventh place after losing narrowly to Danny McKernan, a London-based Scot, 15-14 in the quarter-finals. McKernan went on to place equal third with Greg Allen, from London. James Chambers, the president of the Amateur Fencing Association, picked up the veterans' prize by finishing sixteenth.

France breaks duck

HANDBALL: France won the world championship in Iceland yesterday, beating Croatia 23-19. The handball team is the first French team to win a world title in any sport. They won bronze medals at the 1992 Olympic Games and were runners-up at world championships in Stockholm in 1993. The first seven qualify for the Olympics in Atlanta next year.

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, France; 2, Croatia; 3, Sweden; 4, Germany; 5, Russia; 6, Egypt; 7, Switzerland; 8, Czech Republic; 9, Belorussia; 10, Romania; 11, Spain; 12, South Korea.

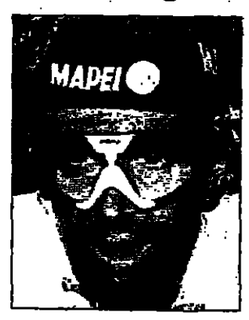
Groomed for defeat

SQUASH: The absence of Bryan Beeson, the former England captain who was at his wedding on Saturday, may have cost his Durham club colleagues the Squash Rackets Association national club championship in Birmingham. After seeing off the challenge of 64 club teams through the season, Durham went down 4-1 at Edgbaston Priory to Colets, the Surrey club that is led by Danny Meddings, the England No 13.

Lumley eases through

REAL TENNIS: Penny Lumley, of Great Britain, the former world champion, reached the final of the women's world championship with an emphatic victory over Katrina Allen, her compatriot, at Newport, Rhode Island. Lumley, who is now playing off the best handicap achieved by a woman, was too mobile and consistent for the fluent Allen. She now meets Sue Haswell, the newcomer who kept her nerve well against Sally Jones, the defending champion.

Rominger retains edge



CYCLING: Rolf Sorensen, of Denmark, won the ninth stage of the Tour of Italy yesterday but Tony Rominger, right, of Switzerland, who finished 13sec behind, kept the overall lead. Sorensen covered the 102 miles between Terme La Calda, a southern mountain town, and the coastal city of Salerno in 3hr 32min 12sec. Rominger is favoured to win the 26-mile time trial today. The race will end on June 4.

Mikkola close to victory

MOTOR RALLYING: Hannu Mikkola drove a cautious three stages from Tuxtla to Huatulco in his Ford Escort to take a lead of almost 12 minutes into the final day of the London to Mexico rally. Mikkola, from Finland, is set to take the event for a second time, 25 years after his first win. There was disappointment, however, for Richard Martin-Hurst, the British driver who was holding third place, when his Escort broke a half-shaft.

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Spaniard triumphs in tense finale

Ballesteros's short play wins hearts of home audience

FROM MEL WEBB IN MADRID

ANOTHER jewel in a gem-encrusted crown was set by Severiano Ballesteros when he claimed his 55th PGA European Tour victory, and his 72nd worldwide, by winning the Spanish Open title for the first time for ten years at Club de Campo yesterday.

Ballesteros had a closing 71 for a total of 274, 14 under par, to beat his compatriots, José Rivero and Ignacio Garrido, by two strokes.

Gordon Brand Jr and Peter Baker were the leading Britons in joint fourth place a shot further back. It was Ballesteros's second win in a month after his victory in the Perrier Four-Ball event in partnership with José María Olazábal in April.

This was Ballesteros's third Spanish Open win, but he had never won his national title in his country's capital. The people of Madrid turned out in their thousands to urge him on, and he was visibly lifted by the reception he was given by the surging masses who walked at his side.

"I aged five years out there today," he said. "I knew I wasn't playing that well, and I had to convince myself out on the course that I had to make the best of what I had. The support I got out there was fantastic, but it took patience and determination for me to win the tournament."

It seemed that, after the third round, which had ended with Brand Jr four and Ballesteros three ahead of the pursuing pack, there was almost no contest left to fight. It looked likely then that the winner would be one of the two runaway leaders. Sure enough, that is the way it ended, but there were more challenges on this closing day than appeared possible at its start.

At various times during a steamy Spanish afternoon six men held or shared the lead on a day that was ultimately more memorable for its excitement than for the quality of the golf. Ballesteros made a terrible start, bogeying the first two holes, at which point Brand led by three shots.

Ballesteros appeared to be digging a pit for himself from which there could be no escape when he dropped yet another shot on the 3rd but he was let off the hook by Brand, who also produced a bogey on the hole.

From there on it was a dogfight, with Baker, Rivero, Garrido and Peter Mitchell at times pushing themselves to the top of the leaderboard alongside Brand and Ballesteros.

It was gritty rather than pretty, but the later stages of the day could not have contained more tension had the shots been choreographed, the action scripted.

It is a measure of Ballesteros's greatness that he has achieved so much with driving that has always been a thing of only occasional efficiency, and on this final day of the tournament he was at best wayward off the tee. But there was majesty in some of his iron play and his work on and around the greens was as sharp as a tack.

Ballesteros settled rapidly after his three-bogey start, and he birdied the 4th. With his short irons singing sweetly he proceeded to the turn in 38, without further mishap, then birdied the 12th with a 20-foot putt.

He did not take the outright lead until he birdied the 15th, which he had four-putted on the first day.

This time there was no such prodigal waste, an exquisitely floated sand-wedge leaving him less than five feet from the pin.

Brand was a disappointed man after a 75, ten shots worse than the sparkling round he had produced on Saturday. "I didn't play that badly, I just couldn't do anything on the greens," he said.

"It just became harder and harder for me out there. I don't know what happened, really," he added. What happened to him, among other things, was that he came up against the might of Severiano Ballesteros on a day that was ruled by kismet. It went as it had been written on that crucial 15th hole.

"It is there that I won, I think," Ballesteros said. "I knew Rivero and Garrido had finished on 12 under, so after that it was a matter of keeping an eye on Gordon Brand and making sure I didn't beat myself." There was never any chance of that.

SCORES

LEADING FINAL ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 274: S Ballesteros (Sp) 70, 67, 66, 71; 276: J Rivero (Sp) 68, 69, 71, 68, I Garrido (Sp) 67, 66, 74, 69; 277: P Baker 68, 72, 68, 69, G Brand Jnr 71, 66, 65, 75; 278: E Romero (Arg) 70, 69, 69, 70, P Mitchell 68, 67, 73, 72; 279: D Cooper 70, 72, 70, 67, R Claydon 72, 69, 70, 68; B Langer (Ger) 71, 70, 69, 69, J Townsend (US) 69, 67, 71, 72; 280: J Robson 68, 70, 74, 67, A Sörenssen (Den) 70, 73, 68, 69; M Roe 69, 69, 68, 74; 281: M Mouland 70, 73, 70, 68, P Linhart (Sp) 74, 69, 70, 68, J-M Olazábal (Sp) 73, 71, 68, 69, F Nobilo (NZ) 73, 70, 69, 69, W Riley (Aus) 69, 71, 71, 70, H Clark 69, 69, 73, 70, C Rocca (It) 68, 69, 73, 71; C Montgomerie 70, 71, 70, 70, J Parnevik (Swe) 73, 68, 69, 71; 282: M McLean 71, 72, 70, 69, B Lane 69, 73, 71, 69; R McFadane 72, 68, 71, 71; 283: M Harwood (Aus) 69, 70, 77, 67; G Turner (NZ) 72, 72, 69, 70; P O'Malley (Aus) 73, 68, 70, 72; S Torrance 70, 69, 71, 73; D Gilford 69, 69, 72, 73; M Jonzon (Swe) 71, 71, 68, 73

Singh holds lead into final round

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

VIJAY SINGH moved into a one-stroke lead after 54 holes in the Buick Classic on Saturday with a four-under-par round of 67. Bobby Wadkins lost a chance to share the lead going into the final round at the Westchester Country Club in Harrison, New York, when he dropped a shot on the par-five final hole. He finished with a 69 for a six-under-par 207 after three rounds.

Nick Faldo was lying in joint third place a further shot behind after his round of 68. The three-time winner of the British Open and two-time Masters champion is tied with Bruce Fleischer, who had a 69.

The best round of the day belonged to Jim McGovern, who had a hole-in-one at the 131-yard sixth. His 65 put him in a group of players just behind the leaders on 209 going into the final round of the $1.2 million (£780,000) tournament.

Singh, 32, from Fiji, who won this title two years ago but was prevented from defending it last year because of a back injury, had five birdies and one bogey in his round. The dropped shot came on the 333-yard, par-4 seventh hole, when he two-putted from four feet.

"That was the only green I missed all day," Singh said afterwards. "My first nine holes were really good. Having won here gives me some great confidence. I know the course and I know what it takes to win — staying on the fairways and out of the rough."

Singh, who took two weeks off to prepare for this tournament, joined the PGA Tour in 1993. The Buick victory, worth $210,000, helped to earn him the rookie-of-the-year award and a total of $657,831.

He was hampered by back problems last year and competed in only 21 tournaments. "I'm in top shape now," he said. "No more back problems and, hopefully, no more putting problems.

"I gave up the long putter in the final round of the Greater Greensboro Open and am using a brand new one this week. Now that I'm the lead I am going to continue to be aggressive tomorrow. You can't be defensive on a tough course like this."

Ernie Els, the reigning US Open champion, bogeyed two of his final four holes and finished with a 75. He stands on 212, six shots off the lead and one ahead of defending Lee Janzen, the defending Buick champion, who had a 69 on Saturday.



Faldo: lying joint third

MARC ASPLAND



Lora Fairclough displays the steely resolve that took her to success in the Ford Classic at Chart Hills in Kent

Determination wins for Fairclough

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WHEN the fanatical and simply curious gathered on the undulations of the Chart Hills Club in Biddenden, Kent, yesterday, it was Laura Davies, the World No 1 from West Byfleet, Surrey, who they followed in droves and willed to victory. That it was Lora Fairclough, the lesser known, less exalted Briton from Adlington, Lancashire, who won the Ford Classic by one shot from Florence Descampe, of Belgium, will have proved a barely disguisable disappointment.

It should not have. While Davies grabs the headlines for her unconventional globe-trotting lifestyle and prodigious tee shots, Fairclough prefers the relative anonymity of home and is a widely respected member of the American Express European Tour and Europe Solheim Cup team. Thus, there were no overwhelming scenes of adulation for her, or post-tournament tales of social excess; just polite applause for her quiet resolve and steely composure in a thoroughly deserved win, only the second in her four years as a professional.

"I might have looked calm but I was really quite nervous," she said. "I haven't played much over the last six or seven months so I am delighted."

Fairclough, 25, began the day a shot behind Descampe but swiftly made up the ground, and then stretched two shots clear, with three birdies in the opening five holes. When Descampe bogeyed the par four 9th, she trailed by three and appeared to be drifting out of contention.

Davies was already making inroads into her overnight five-stroke deficit. After a typically flamboyant five-under-par 67 on Saturday, which complemented her shrewd and substantial 9-2 bet on Everton to win the FA Cup, she promptly eagled the first. A series of pars blunted any impending charge and a missed opportunity on the 10th added further frustration.

A double bogey seven at the 12th effectively ruined her hopes of a third victory this season, to go with her two in the United States. But another eagle at the 444yd 16th kept the huge gallery entertained. It also helped secure a share of fourth place and an eighth top-six finish from ten starts this season. Fairclough possesses similar determination. At the 10th, when her drive landed in one of the 138 bunkers that Nick Faldo, its designer, has installed, she played an admiral four iron recovery shot that finished just short of the green.

A bump-and-run effort to 12ft and a courageous putt saved par, protected her three-shot lead and provoked a rare outburst of emotion — a double punch, aimed at the turf, of relief and delight.

Ahead of Fairclough, Descampe and Dale Reid, of Scotland, Carin Hjalmarsson, of Sweden had infiltrated the leader board after an outward half of 32, which included four birdies. She also birdied the 10th and 11th to move within three of Fairclough. A bogey at the 15th halted her progress but she still equalled the day-old course record of 66, set by Reid, and finished third.

The duel at the top, however, was not over. Descampe claimed birdies on the 12th, 13th and 14th to close the gap to one stroke — Fairclough also birdieing the 13th. Fairclough coolly matched pars with Descampe over the closing four holes for a round of 68, four under par, a total of 277, and first prize of £16,500.

LEADING FINAL ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 277: L Fairclough 70, 68, 71, 68; 278: F Descampe (Bel) 69, 67, 72, 70; 281: C Hjalmarsson (Swe) 71, 69, 75, 66; 282: L Davies 73, 73, 67, 69; D Reid 72, 73, 68, 71; 283: C Dibnah (Aus) 74, 73, 69, 67; K Webb (Aus) 70, 70, 74, 69, T Lovejoy 69, 73, 73, 69; M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 71, 74, 69, 69; T Johnson 71, 71, 69, 72; 284: K Dawes 72, 72, 70, 70; 285: H Wadsworth 75, 71, 71, 68, M Koch (Ger) 72, 71, 70, 72.

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Juventus take their revenge to claim crown

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JUVENTUS secured their first Italian title for nine years — and exacted quick revenge for their defeat by Parma in the Uefa Cup Final — with a resounding 4-0 victory over their second-placed rivals in Turin yesterday.

Two goals from Ravanelli and strikes from Vialli and Deschamps brought the Turin side the crown in a match Parma had to win to keep alive their hopes of snatching the prize.

The new champions have a ten-point lead over Parma with just two matches remaining. Roberto Baggio celebrated his first Italian title by playing a key role in each of the first three Juventus goals.

First, the gifted playmaker masterminded a counter-attack, from deep in his own half, for Ravanelli's 11th-minute goal. Then, in the 38th minute, Baggio's neat backheel set-up Deschamps for the second goal before, in the 65th, a superb through-ball laid on Vialli's sixteenth goal of the season. Ravanelli completed the rout in the 69th minute.

Lazio joined AC Milan, who play Ajax in the final of the European Cup on Wednesday, in a share of third place after Aron Winter's 81st-minute winner beat Sampdoria at the Olympic stadium in Rome.

Sampdoria's hopes of qualifying for Europe next season were dealt a further blow by Internazionale's surprise 2-1 defeat, at home, to Cagliari. The Sardinians boosted their hopes of a place in the Uefa Cup by recovering from an early Ruben Sosa goal to win with an own-goal from Massimo Paganin and Dely Valdez's 56th-minute effort.

John Van't Schip, Skuhravy and Ruotolo kept alive Genoa's hopes of staying in the top flight. They all scored in their side's 3-0 win over fellow strugglers Foggia, who now look certain to be joining Brescia and Reggiana in the second division of the leage for next season.

☐ Jürgen Klinsmann scored two goals in his last match for Tottenham Hotspur in Britain. Klinsmann and Nick Barmby, the man Tottenham may be counting on for more goals next season without the inspirational Germany international, each scored twice in the 7-2 win over a joint Kitchee-Eastern Hong Kong XI.

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Elimination may hasten Barkley's retirement

CHARLES BARKLEY said that the Phoenix Suns' loss to the Houston Rockets, in the seventh match of the Western Conference basketball semi-finals on Saturday, was probably his last game.

"I'll tell you the same thing I told the team after the game, more than likely I have played my last game," Barkley, 32, told an impromptu press conference after the game. "There is no soul-searching. I think you just get to the point you have to make the decision."

The nine-time All-Star added: "It's time. I'm sick of the grind." However, the emotional forward left room for changing his mind. "I want to say it is not 100 per cent, but more than likely I played my last game," Barkley said.

Barkley, who has talked about retiring before, said he will meet with the Suns' president and chief executive officer, Jerry Colangelo, as soon as possible and he declared himself "embarrassed and humiliated" by the Suns' 115-114 elimination by the Rockets after leading them three games to one.

Barkley has suffered from a series of injuries, most recently tendinitis of the left knee.

Alcatel take trophy after extra time

BY JOHN WATSON

AFTER ten days of tussle between the six teams in two leagues, the tournament for the Royal Berkshire Polo Club's premier high-goal prize, the Prince of Wales trophy, ended on the club's splendid No 1 ground at Winkfield yesterday with John Manconi's team, Alcatel, defeating Kerry Packer's Ellerston White by eight goals to seven after extra time.

British tournament polo at the high-goal level is inclined to be fought out between two superior-handicap professional players in the centre of each side. In a clean, open game, none is a greater master of this type of challenge than the Ellerston pair, Carlos Gracida, from Mexico, and Gonzalo Pieres, of Argentina.

This match, however, was not truly open and was marred by an excessive amount of the umpire's whistle.

Both sides were beautifully mounted but, if anything, Packer's string of ponies are slightly quicker on the turn. Gracida and Pieres, playing with hand-in-glove co-operation, put Ellerston side ahead by three goals to two at half-time.

It was in the fourth chukka, when Alcatel equalised, and then and overtook to a tally of 6-4, that they showed their best mettle.

Their No 3, Picci Alberdi, who plays off a handicap of ten, is enormously forceful in the attack and has a close understanding with his spectacular No 2, the Chilean, Gabriel Donoso, who kept smashing through the Ellerston defences. One of his strong passes afforded a nice goal from the mallet of the team's back, Anthony Fanshawe.

Alberdi led them to a 7-5 advantage in the fifth chukka, but goals from Chris Hyde and Gracida produced the equal score again in the sixth.

It was Donoso who slammed home the decider for Manconi's squad. And it was for Manconi's pony, Majesty, ridden by Donoso, that Prince Charles presented the prize for the best mount in this outstandingly exciting encounter.

ALCATEL: 1, J W Manconi (1); 2, G Donoso (6); 3, A Diez-Alberdi (10); Back, A Fanshawe (3).

ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, C Hyde (2); 2, C Gracida (10); 3, G Pieres (9); Back, K Packer (1).

Yorkshire take third county title

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

YORKSHIRE recovered the Norwich Union county hockey championship at Portsmouth yesterday, taking the title for the third time after a 3-2 victory over Kent.

Kent made a sensational start with a goal scored within 11 seconds by Surridge; but their joy was short-lived as Yorkshire ran up a 3-1 lead by half-time. West, who set up the first goal for Nash, scored the other two.

Kent came back into the match with a goal from Mathews midway through the second half but Yorkshire held on to their advantage.

Nottinghamshire, who selected most of their players from Beeston, a second division club, proved much too good for Gloucestershire and scored eight goals without reply in the under-21 final.

The England team completed the tour of Australia with a 5-0 defeat in Brisbane on Saturday. The Australians won five games in the six-match series. The other match was drawn. England could not score despite 13 short corners. Lewis got three of the Australia goals, which all came from open play.

Cullen guides Hightown to victory

BY CATHY HARRIS

A BRILLIANT hat-trick of opportunist goals by Tina Cullen, the England and Great Britain forward, paved the way for Hightown's 5-0 victory against Trojans in the All England Women's Hockey Association Cup final at the Milton Keynes Sports Club yesterday.

Few teams have shown such consistency in the domestic game and Hightown's triumph yesterday completed an indoor and outdoor double. The Merseysiders have also qualified for two European competitions.

Hightown's dominance in the face of dogged resistance from their first division opponents showed that they are not just an accomplished indoor club, as their record eight national titles demonstrate. Their outdoor league form is equally impressive and in six seasons they have not finished outside the top five.

But their success has, for the most part, been largely ignored, particularly in Liverpool. Everton's FA Cup victory will not have helped. "There's hardly been a paragraph about us in the local press," Monica Rooney, their manager, said. "We were the first team in the city to qualify for European competition and most non-hockey people won't know anything about us. We deserve better."

The extrovert Cullen admitted that she is sometimes the subject of press interest, saying: "I give occasional interviews and there was an article the other week comparing me to Robbie Fowler, but it was really small. I don't think anyone has heard of me."

Maggie Souyave, the Hightown coach, made the break in the 27th minute for Cullen's first goal, which was dispatched on the reverse stick. A minute before the interval, Linda Carr cracked in a penalty corner to make it 2-0.

Michaela Morton added a third in the 38th minute, after Souyave and Cullen had combined, and Carr split the Trojans defence for Cullen to sweep in her second.

Cullen's third was an excellent goal. Fiona Lee, who had played a dominant role in midfield, found her at the edge of the circle and Cullen scooped the ball high into the net to complete what Souyave described as "an accomplished team performance".

HIGHTOWN: C Reid; J Crook, J Aspin, C Cook, L Marsden, M Souyave, F Lee, L Carr, M Morton, L Newcombe, T Cullen. Substitutes: C Gilbert, T Mawdsley, D Mills.

TROJANS: J Williams; K Smith, L Copeland, S Hibberd, E Teague, J Moss, S Gibson, A Wakefield, M Suter, K James, C Manchester. Substitutes: S Stranga, J Greenham.

Umpires: M Hunnebell, L Miller.



Williams, the Trojans goalkeeper, saves at the feet of Souyave, of Hightown

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Bruguera faces Austrian challenge

Roman rain delays Muster's bid for clay-court crown

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN ROME

AS Thomas Muster and Sergi Bruguera waited for the rain to cease and the sky to clear here yesterday afternoon, they could at least take heart from some statistics.

Almost a quarter of the competitors who have reached the 51 finals of the Italian Open have gone on to feature in the final of the French Open. Since 1973, six of the winners in the Foro Italico have been crowned as champion in Paris three weeks later.

They have, in turn, been Ilie Nastase, Bjorn Borg twice, Adriano Panatta, Ivan Lendl and, three years ago, Jim Courier. Bruguera already holds the French title but Muster, by his own admission, has never before been a contender other than in 1990, when he made it to the semi-final.

Yet, during Bruguera's absence through injury, the Austrian developed into the leading clay-court exponent in the world. Since being knocked out in the second round in Palermo seven months ago, he has remained unbeaten on his favourite surface in 27 matches.

His impressive run was severely endangered, though, in the semi-final on Saturday against Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa. In the final set, Muster was 2-3 and 0-40 down but recovered to take 17 of the last 20 points. "After saving those three break points," he said later, "everything went my way."

Including the support of the spectators, who respond to his audible and overt competitiveness. "Italians have a good understanding of sport," Muster proclaimed. "There is a lot going on and they love to come and watch it. Austrians prefer television to bring it into their houses."

Bruguera has collected all but one of his 14 titles on clay but had never qualified for the final in Rome before. He did so by beating Goran Ivanisevic in straight sets. The Croatian, in one of his characteristic states of lethargy, had the misfortune to be foot-faulted on match point.

Ivanisevic, not usually averse to voicing his opinion in the umpire's direction, remained silent. "I wanted to tell him a lot of things but I might be fined and suspended again," he explained. "I didn't say anything but I still think what I think he is."

Muster holds the psychological edge over Bruguera, having won seven of their ten previous matches and all of the last four. Nevertheless, he was not expecting the final to be brief. "We might have to book the court for the whole afternoon," he had predicted. Instead it was empty.

A decision on the eligibility of Greg Rusedski to play for Britain has been taken but not yet revealed. The management committee of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) has discussed the matter here and intends to announce the verdict today.

Diplomacy is given as the reason for the delay. The ITF would prefer that the Lawn Tennis Association and the Canadian Federation read the fax messages that have been sent to them before finding out through the media which nation the left-hander born in Canada to a British mother 21 years ago is to represent in future.

However, the gesture of courtesy was misplaced. The president of the Canadian Federation is on holiday and is not expected to return home until Tuesday.

Rusedski was supposed to have been told of his fate on Saturday, but the bureaucratic cogs are turning even more slowly than had been expected. David Lloyd, the new captain of the British Davis Cup team, still does not know whether the player, ranked 58th in the world, will be available for the next tie.

Only if official approval is given can Rusedski be selected to play against Monaco at Eastbourne in July. Should Britain continue a sequence of failure that has lasted for three years, the country would be relegated to group three of the Euro-African zone, effectively the fourth division.

Meanwhile Rusedski overcame a mild case of tonsillitis on Saturday to beat Javier Frana 7-6, 6-4 and reach the final of the Red Clay Championships in Coral Springs, Florida. The other semi-final was won by Todd Woodbridge who rallied to beat Mark Woodforde, the fourth seed and his long-time doubles partner, 1-6, 7-5, 7-5 in an all-Australian semi-final.

Rusedski, who had to cope with a three-hour rain delay in the opening set tie-break, said: "I knew I had to win the first set to win the match. I didn't think I'd have enough energy to go three sets with that long rain delay." He reached his first clay-court final by breaking the Argentinian in the fifth game of the second set.



Muster: impressive run

Sánchez Vicario in top form for Paris

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN BERLIN

A DISPLAY of controlled aggression saw Arantxa Sánchez Vicario to her first German Open title yesterday, beating Magdalena Maleeva 6-4, 6-1. It was a win that boosted her confidence a week before the start of the French Open and confirmed her world No 1 ranking, ahead of Steffi Graf.

From the start, the Spaniard never allowed Maleeva to get into her stride and, as the match progressed, so the Bulgarian became an increasingly despondent figure. At times she struggled just to keep the ball in court, handing Sánchez Vicario point after point.

"But she doesn't give you anything," Maleeva said. "You never know if you have hit a winner because she gets everything back. I did what I could but I could do better."

It was a disappointing performance from Maleeva. Throughout the tournament she had attacked every opponent, chasing every chance and putting her opponents on the defensive from the first game. Yesterday she was a different player. On the few ocassions when she was able to put pressure on the top seed, Sánchez Vicario just raised her game another notch.

For Sánchez Vicario, her week in Berlin has been the best possible preparation for the defence of her French Open title. In the early rounds she was able to win without playing to her own high standards while, in the semi-final, she was made to fight when Irina Spirlea took her to three sets. Yesterday she dominated a final against an opponent she regards as "a very dangerous player".

She showed no sign of weakness, serving better than she had in earlier rounds and never allowing Maleeva a hint of a chance. "This was my best match all week," she said. "It is a very good warm-up for Paris. This is a great win for me."

Now, with another $148,500 (£96,000) in the bank, she plans to spend a few days at home to practise and prepare her challenge for a third French title. "I know from this that I am in great form and that is the place to show it — at a grand slam."



The Oxford runners, Nneynna Lynch and Claire Martin, the eventual winner, in the women's 1,500 metres on Saturday. Photograph: Andre Camara

Cambridge builds for future on fast track

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE embers of the era of *Chariots of Fire* were rekindled at Cambridge on Saturday when the university officially opened its first all-weather track with the 121st athletics match against Oxford.

This is a momentous year for athletics at Oxford and Cambridge as it celebrates the centenary of the first match against Harvard and Yale and the 75th anniversary of Achilles, the club composed of former athletes from the two universities.

Cambridge has long been envious of the track at Iffley Road, scene of Roger Bannister's first sub-four-minute mile in 1954. There have been all-weather tracks at Oxford since 1976, and the advantages have been reflected by the results in the annual matches, with Cambridge having won only six of the past 18 men's fixtures.

Not only have talented athletes been attracted by the track at Oxford but, until yesterday, the annual fixture was regularly held there. Oxford won the men's match by 123 points to 100. Yet all was not tranquil amid the satisfaction of the opening yesterday as part of the new £4.2 million sports complex in west Cambridge. An independent company, MSC, which has scrutinised the work of Balsam, has reported that the track is not up to international standards in certain areas.

Tony Lemons, director of physical education at the university, said: "There is nothing wrong with the track as it is now. Our concerns are for the long term. The question is whether in four or five years it might delaminate and bubble. Balsam has suggested that it extend the guarantee period of five years and give financial guarantees. The university and the company are in negotiations about this." The track also suffers from not having adequate protection from the winds that blow across The Fens.

However, Ruth Irving, the international long jumper and Cambridge president, inspired the women's team to a 90-89 victory against Oxford in the match sponsored by Price Waterhouse, and she said: "Cambridge was one of the worst universities for athletics facilities. Now it is one of the best. This track will make a huge difference. For people with international ambitions, a track like this is an attraction. Last winter we were having to train on grass."

The athletes in light blue will be able to use it to prepare for the centenary match against Harvard and Yale at Oxford on June 28. This will include a veterans' match, in which Chris Brasher, Chris Chataway and Bruce Tulloh are expected to run. The next night there will be a banquet at the Guildhall, which both Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, and Primo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, will attend.

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Ngugi's dope test ban lifted

JOHN NGUGI, of Kenya, the five-times world cross country champion and former Olympic 5,000 metres champion, is free to compete again after the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) yesterday lifted their four-year ban on him.

The suspension was imposed 27 months ago after Ngugi refused to take a random dope test in his rural home 125 miles north of Nairobi, saying the IAAF test team had not properly identified itself and was not accompanied by a Kenyan track official.

Christopher Winner, the IAAF spokesman, said it had decided to lift the ban under its exceptional circumstances rule.

"The council believes he has suffered enough," Winner said. "The lack of information available to Ngugi at the time he refused the test as well as the language problem made it proper and correct to exercise clemency."

Salvation finally beckons for Aberdeen

Aberdeen 3
Dunfermline Athletic 1

BY KEVIN McCARRA

SALVATION, as any theologian will tell you, can be a lengthy business. On the evidence of recent form, Aberdeen had been expected to confirm their place among the elect of the Bell's Scottish League premier division by trouncing Dunfermline Athletic in yesterday's first-leg of the play-off.

Instead, only three minutes remained when they at last established a truly significant advantage for Thursday's return leg at East End Park. As Irvine lifted the ball forward, Shearer was played on-side by a tardy den Bieman and took advantage with an imperious half-volley into the far corner of the net for his second goal of the game.

Until then, the main impression had been of Aberdeen's extreme difficulty in dealing with an unfamiliar test. This match proved an ambiguous occasion for them. It may have been specifically designed by the authorities to be an ordeal, but few supporters at Pittodrie can have shaken off the feeling that they had come to a summer fair.

Merriment was expected. After all, Roy Aitken's team had rescued themselves from the automatic relegation place with victories over Heart of Midlothian, Dundee United and Falkirk. Such progress made it difficult to dread Dunfermline, who were, after all, mere runners-up in the first division.

An Aberdeen side that had lost its fear, however, was thereby a side diminished. The pounding of their anxious hearts had given them the impetus to stampede forward in recent weeks. Against Dunfermline they again occupied plenty of territory, but far too often their approach was dutiful rather than enflamed.

Although both teams were weakened by injury, Aberdeen retained the greater strength. Dunfermline recognised the fact and responded in predictable fashion, buttressing their defence by employing Robertson, normally in midfield, as a sweeper. The effect, until late in the first half, was to render Aberdeen's greater possession inconsequential.

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Before the opening goal, in the 39th minute, Dunfermline, on the break, posed as much of a threat as the home side. Up until half time, no possibility existed of Aberdeen inundating the opposition defence. When they did score, it was considered technique that forced the breakthrough.

Smith fouled Thomson and, from the right of the penalty area, Glass flighted a dipping free kick to the near post. The ball bounced in front of van de Kamp and left the goalkeeper stranded.

Dunfermline refused to be cowed, however, immediately responding with a long-range attempt that Snelders turned behind with a spry leap. Sturdiness should perhaps have been expected of a visting side that was unbeaten in its last 15 games. There was, though, still a sense of surprise when, in the 49th minute, Moore took Smith's short corner and curled the ball to the back post for Robertson, a former Aberdeen player, to head home the equaliser.

With that goal, the home side's hope of the uncomplicated mastery that would make the second leg a formality seemed to recede. They did, all the same, regain the lead seven minutes later. Van de Kamp pawed at Glass's fiendish corner, diverting it to McKimmie, who crossed from the left for Shearer to nod into the unattended net. Later, Glass was to beat three men before foiling himself by firing ineptly over.

The stage when Dunfermline might have been persuaded of their own inferiority, however, was long since past. Indeed they were angered to be denied a penalty after a stumbling McKimmie appeared to haul down Moore. The negligence of den Bieman, at the very end, though, was to do them even greater harm.

ABERDEEN (4-3-3) T Snelders — S Wright, B Irvine, G Smith, S McKimmie — B Grant, P Hetherston, S Glass — J Miller, D Shearer, S Thomson.
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC (1-4-3-2): G van de Kamp — C Robertson — T den Bieman, A Tod, N McCathie, D Fleming — J McNamara, P Smith, M McCulloch (sub: A Hawkins, 45min) — S Petrie, A Moore (sub: G Shaw, 78).
Referee: L Mottram.

Holyfield back on championship trail

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

EVANDER HOLYFIELD, the former heavyweight champion, defeated Ray Mercer in a gruelling non-title bout over ten rounds in Atlantic City on Saturday, scoring a unanimous points decision.

Holyfield showed no signs of the heart problems that doctors first thought he had after losing his titles last April. They were later discounted by other doctors.

He knocked Mercer down in the eighth round with a left hook following a left-right combination. Just before the bell ended the round, Holyfield staggered Mercer with a right to the head.

The judge, Eugene Grant, scored the bout 96-93, Eva Shain had it 97-92 and Jean Williams gave Holyfield the edge 95-94.

A cut from a head butt opened alongside Holyfield's right eye but the blood, although flowing freely, streamed down the side of his face and not into his eye.

At the end Mercer raised his hands and shouted: "Yes. The real warrior." But after the decision was announced he slumped over the ropes, his face twisted in disbelief.

"I was able to hit him with some great body shots," Holyfield said, "but he's a vicious guy and its hard to get him down with one punch."

Holyfield, his head shaved for a bout for the first time, appeared to be even more heavily-muscled than usual. "When I knocked him down in the eighth round, I knew I got the momentum back," Holyfield said. "Ray Mercer did more than I thought he would do. His jab was a lot quicker than I thought."

The contest was halted briefly in the eighth round by the referee, who called in Frank Doggett, the ringside doctor, to look at Holyfield's cut. Both boxers landed hard, crowd-pleasing punches throughout, but Holyfield landed more of them and in more combinations than did Mercer.

Holyfield lost his World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles to Michael Moorer last April.

This victory clearly puts him back in the mix of heavyweights looking for title contests against any of the three champions of the leading sanctioning bodies.

On the same bill, Hector "Macho" Camacho retained his International Boxing Ccouncil welterweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over Homer Gibbins.

Dariusz Michalczewski, of Germany, retained his World Boxing Orgnsation light-heavyweight title in Hamburg on Saturday, knocking out the American, Paul Carlo, in the fourth round.

Monarchs make vital recovery

BY RICHARD WETHERELL

TWO big plays in the first quarter helped the London Monarchs to a crucial, if nervy, 27-22 win against the Barcelona Dragons in the World League of American Football on Saturday. The victory gives them a chance of qualifying for the World Bowl, something that is well out of reach of the Scottish Claymores who lost their sixth game out of seven, 30-13 to the unbeaten Amsterdam Admirals. Their season is effectively over.

After an opening drive by the Dragons that ended with a field goal from Scott Szeredy, Eric Stephens returned the kick-off 90 yards for a Monarchs' touchdown. Szeredy's second field goal, from 23 yards, also got a quick response when Alan Allen caught a 58-yard touchdown pass.

Don Silvestri kicked two field goals to another by Szeredy before a long drive by Barcelona in the third quarter ended with a touchdown by Lindsey Chapman. The Monarchs replied through Mark Titley to make the score 27-15.

The Dragons came back with a touchdown by Tyree Davis and when they got the ball back with 1min 4sec left they almost won the game, but on the final play, Kevin Porter tipped the ball away from Mario Henry's grasp.

Waddle among favourites

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CHRIS WADDLE has emerged as one of the favourites to take over from Trevor Francis as the Sheffield Wednesday manager. Francis, who led the club out for the Cup Final at Wembley two years ago, found himself out of work on Saturday, when he became the thirteenth FA Carling Premiership manager to part company with his club this season.

Waddle, the former England international, who is on the playing staff at Hillsborough, could take over as player-manager, though he was giving little away at the weekend. "I won't comment on my situation," he said. "But it is a sad day when anyone loses their job."

Others mentioned in connection with the vacancy are Dave Bassett, who is in charge of Sheffield United, Ray Harford, the assistant manager of Blackburn Rovers, and Bruce Rioch, who has guided Bolton Wanderers to the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-off final.

Dave Richards, the Wednesday chairman, ended months of speculation about Francis's position by announcing that his contract was being terminated one year early by "mutual agreement". Francis had been with the club since 1990.

"The board would like to place on record its sincere thanks and appreciation of the services provided by Mr Francis in the last four years and wish him every success in the future," Richards said in a statement. "The vacancy for a new manager will be advertised immediately."

Despite finishing thirteenth in the table, Wednesday did not end lingering fears about their safety until the final day of the season with a 4-1 win over Ipswich. Although the season was a big disappointment for the club, Francis still seemed to have the backing of the supporters, who voted two to one in favour of him staying in a local newspaper poll. However, there had been reports of unrest in the Wednesday dressing-room.

Last week Francis gave an indication of how difficult the past few months had been for him. "It has been the toughest for me in 25 years," he said. "It has been a nightmare." The former England striker joined Wednesday as a player, after 18 months as manager of Queens Park Rangers, and was appointed player-manager following Ron Atkinson's sudden departure to Aston Villa in June 1991.

Wednesday finished third in his first season in charge and Francis led them to two Wembley appearances in 1993 — defeats by Arsenal in the FA Cup and Coca-Cola Cup. Seventh place last season was acceptable but performances this season evidently were not.

He was the third manager to lose his job in five days, following Alan Smith, who left Crystal Palace on Monday, and Brian Horton, who was dismissed by Manchester City on Tuesday.



Francis: hard times

Wrexham bow out of Welsh Cup in triumph

Cardiff City 1
Wrexham 2

BY ALYSON RUDD

EXCLUSIVITY is generally applied in the hope of improving quality and ditching lightweights, but it is unlikely to work out that way in the Welsh Cup.

Wrexham and Cardiff City, the finalists yesterday, have dominated the competition, winning it 45 times between them, but will do so no longer after being excluded from it next season. Uefa, football's European governing body, has ruled that only clubs in the Welsh league pyramid will be allocated a Cup Winners' Cup place. As the odds favour an English Football League side winning the Welsh Cup, the Football Association of Wales has had to ban them from entering it.

So the National Stadium is unlikely to witness again scenes of such intense emotion for a Welsh football final as it did yesterday. Cardiff, newly relegated from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, were given the kind of support usually reserved for teams that have just won the treble. The players, bidding farewell to the manager, Eddie May, responded with unusual passion. The club will this week be taken over by a consortium headed by Bernard Baker, the former Gillingham chairman.

Cardiff trailed by two goals at half-time and their spirited fightback deserved at least a chance of winning the trophy in extra time. Wrexham took the lead in the nineteenth minute from the penalty spot, after Baddeley tripped Connolly, and, seven minutes later, Bennett, the penalty taker, scored again after linking up with Durkin.

Marriott, in the Wrexham goal, kept out the more perceptive Cardiff strikes until the 78th minute, when Dale headed in Wigg's corner. "There's only one team in Wales," the Cardiff supporters roared. There are more than that but the Welsh Cup will miss the type of drama that these two provided yesterday.

CARDIFF CITY (4-4-2): S Williams — D Brazil, L Baddeley, J Perry, D Searle — C Griffiths, N Richardson, N Wigg, P Millar (sub: C Oatway, 64min) — A Bird (sub: S Young, 77), C Dale.
WREXHAM (4-4-2): — A Marriott — D Brace, B Hunter, B Jones, P Hardy — K Durkin, G Owen, B Hughes, K Connolly — G Bennett, S Morris (sub: S Watkin, 85).
Referee: V Reed.

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Manchester United's turbulent season ends in despair with defeat at Wembley

Everton's Royle revival crowned by Rideout

Everton 1
Manchester United 0

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

BENEATH grey skies, Wembley Stadium on Saturday became a study in human nature, a reflection of the winner-takes-all society. Making his way onto the turf, Joe Royle, a manager credited with turning Everton from no-hopers to winners in six months, strode proudly, purposefully. A big-hearted man, he embraced players in red as well as blue shirts — but he did not notice, did not intrude on, the figure seated centre-field, head on knees, a picture of despair and defeat.

Paul Ince, once so authoritative that he was chosen to captain England from midfield, might have been expected to assume the leadership of Manchester United from the 21st minute when Steve Bruce pulled a hamstring. But Ince, who attends another sitting, another judgment, at Croydon Magistrates' Court tomorrow, was physically and emotionally spent even before Cup Final day. He will plead not guilty to playing a part in the Cantona affair at Selhurst Park in January; nevertheless, his forlorn figure was symbolic of the disintegration that has followed that wild night, the ruin of United from the most skilled squad in the land to a team which has invited other, sadder descriptions.

Wearing defeat so very personally, Ince could either have looked a pitiable loser, or a man representing a team for which a double dose of humility should do no harm. United had forfeited, ostensibly in the space of six days, both their championship and the FA Cup. But when you looked at the faces around Ince, you appreciated that United's Cup Final line-up had, because of injuries but also because of ill-discipline, to carry three players — Neville, Butt and Scholes — who are still apprentices.

They had not looked out of place in what was not a particularly gracious 114th FA Cup Final. But youngsters they are, and it was a shame for them that Ince was, as he has appeared since January, a player muzzled. United had no option but to put a stop to his moaning and his belligerence; and with that straitjacket of discipline, he appears to have lost conviction in his play.

Thus it was that in the thirtieth minute Ince lost the ball to that most redoubtable of defenders, Dave Watson. Ince lost the ball, United lost their shape, and the game itself was lost in an instant. United had flooded men into forward positions. They were caught by the Everton counter-attack. From Watson the ball ran to Anders Limpar and he, a Swede displaying considerably more imagination, touch and passing quality than all around him, swept towards the depleted, two-man United defence.

He chose the perfect option, using the overlapping Jackson, an Everton reserve full back, and when Jackson cut deftly across the stranded Pallister, his pass invited Stuart to shoot from eight yards. Amazingly, but characteristically, Stuart struck the underside of the bar; firmly, and again characteristically, Paul Rideout headed the ball into the net, his sixteenth goal of a season in which his effectiveness had been doubted. It was a goal that won the Cup and won Rideout an immediate three-year extension to his contract.

It was the worst of United's defending. Moments earlier Denis Irwin had shown the opposite, moving across to central defence, sensing the lameness of Bruce, snapping down on the ball seconds before Rideout might have scored.

That was rare finesse. Limpar, with left or right boot, showed rarer accomplishments still, and Giggs, when he came on, demonstrated brief, dancing manoeuvrability, using his balance to tease opponents.

The second crux of the afternoon had emanated from him. Giggs had conjured a pass, low on the ground, to provide Scholes with the type of opportunity that Denis Law, to whom Scholes is sometimes compared, would have swallowed up. But this was youth against experience; Southall, 36, and mistakenly presumed to be an athlete beyond his prime, boldly persuaded the apprentice to try to chip the ball over his head and acrobatically repelled it.

The match was an affirmation of the fact that the British game is long on commitment but short on creativity. Tenacity is no substitute for technique, tiredness scant excuse for the trough in which English football finds itself. Pace, pace, pace . . . everything moving faster than imagination.

Yet, as Royle was quick to point out, there had been no malice, no cynicism and no attempt by his supposed underdogs to set out a policy of extreme containment. Indeed not — Everton won the Cup with a defence that refuses to yield and with an attack that will be better in Europe next season when the surgeon's scalpel has not so recently penetrated the flesh of players such as Duncan Ferguson.

Above all, Saturday, and the last week of the football season, had been a salutary lesson in life and sport. Everton, after two seasons of flirting desperately with relegation, had been lifted by the astonishing faith of 30,000 regular supporters, who, week after week, had tried to breathe life into the team under Mike Walker, and who then found a common spirit, a catalyst, in Royle, an Evertonian by upbringing who returned to persuade fearful players that they could be winners in the league and the Cup.

United have learnt painfully that arrogance wins no prizes, that aggression has to be channelled within the rules of the game, and that presumption to superiority is the most fickle of traits. Finally, the two ends of Wembley Stadium demonstrated all. The blue end, around the players' tunnel, echoed loud and long, and sometimes mockingly, the crowd's allegiance to the players cavorting around with the silverware.

The red end had disappeared; United supporters performed the quickest evacuation of a building since the Blitz, and their players, heavy with pain and fatigue, were left to troop, lonely and defeated, towards the tunnel. A voice suggested that Cantona's kick in January had "cost us everything". At last, Alex Ferguson, the United manager, had admitted the truth.

EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, D Watson, D Unsworth, G Ablett — A Limpar (sub: D Amokachi, 69min), J Parkinson, B Horne, A Hinchcliffe — G Stuart, P Rideout (sub: D Ferguson, 82).
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1): P Schmeichel — G Neville, S Bruce (sub: R Giggs, 46), G Pallister, D Irwin — N Butt, R Keane, P Ince, L Sharpe (sub: P Scholes, 73) — B McClair — M Hughes.
Referee: G Ashby.

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The Everton players enjoy the traditional celebrations of the Cup winners on the Wembley turf after Rideout's goal had accounted for Manchester United

Wingers answer prayers



David Miller on the telling contribution of Limpar for the victors and the magical moments from Giggs for the vanquished

So Neville Southall, the crusty veteran, won the Cup for Everton, did he? No, say others, it was Paul Rideout's headed goal, of course. But hold on a minute, yet other voices cry, stand back and reflect and you will see that Joe Royle did it, transforming the team from deadbeats within six months.

Wrong, on all three counts. The player who opened up a boring final, who demonstrated Manchester United were there to be beaten, who precipitated Rideout's goal, who gave Southall something to cling to and something to protect, was Anders Limpar, a winger as elegant in motion as a springbok and largely disregarded during his time in English football. Ask perceptive Arsenal supporters.

Limpar rescued a dead match, and then, belatedly, was joined by Ryan Giggs, who did more than enough to turn the outcome the other way, but whose colleagues failed him. Limpar and Giggs reminded us of the oldest truth in the game, unchanged over more than a century: that the widest, most exciting spaces are always out on the wing, and that is where defences are the most vulnerable.

It is also true that, for different reasons, neither of these teams deserved to win the trophy. They have been involved in some of the nastiest football seen in a scruffy season, never mind that United's better displays have again at times been pure delight. Everton came onto the Wembley pitch determined to stifle United's technical superiority, and with nine men behind the ball were doing just that. Royle's examination paper would have read (marks out of ten): organisation eight, style three.

Limpar, whose free spirit remains uncrushed, was having none of this. In the first few minutes he had sidestepped Irwin to hit a sharp low shot that had Schmeichel scrambling uncomfortably at the foot of the left post. It was Limpar, with his darting, impatient runs, who provided a springboard from which Everton went one up, and might have gone two, before half-time. When Stuart was set free seven minutes before the break by Limpar, he struck his shot a stride too soon. A goal then and United might have been buried.

Even Limpar's intervention had failed for 45 minutes to prevent the final being an advertisement for the limitations of the English game: tactically negative, short on passing technique, preoccupied with winning possession rather than exploiting it.

In the throes of surrendering the second half of United's potential double within seven days, Alex Ferguson should have been reflecting on the wages of indecision. His team of former fluidity was creaking like a rusty bike. No Cantona, quite properly. No Kanchelskis, because of injury and an internal dispute. And, were the Football Association doing its job properly, there would have been no Keane, after his unpleasant excess in the semi-final. Hughes, initially replaced in January by Cole, then returning in Cantona's absence but unable to relate to Cole, worked beaverishly up front without effect.

Ince harried anyone and anything, yet is a tame sheepdog since his Selhurst Park indiscretion. Sharpe stuttered, having missed a sitter from 14 yards. The United bloom was withered by blackly.

Then along came Giggs, less pacey than Limpar but with twice the subtlety. Within moments of the second half beginning, his rolled cross had Everton in a panic. Suddenly Everton were looking more the team that Mike Walker left behind. Another curling cross from wide on the touchline had Unsworth and Watson shuddering in central defence. Everton's lead was as secure as a Tory marginal.

Had Kanchelskis been available on the right instead of the promising but inexperienced Butt, United probably would now have sawn Everton off at the knees. However, McClair, from Giggs's cross, headed against the crossbar, Southall smothered Scholes and then saved, exaggeratedly, from Pallister. It was all over.

Cantona's absurdity has cost United, at a conservative guess, £3 million in lost European revenue, and Ferguson and his chairman should be considering whether they really want this Jekyll and Hyde of a team.

In the end, you felt glad for Everton. They may not be pretty, the school of science may be no more than a memory. Yet any club is always bigger than its present individuals. Everton supporters deserved the success, for their loyalty, and because this is a club with a famous past. If Royle can modify his approach, there may be a bright future. Walker, having obtained Amokachi, had no idea how to use him. If Royle could achieve this, Goodison might recreate the era of Alex Young.



Giggs troubles the Everton defence with his sure touch

Johnson scents glory era ahead

PETER JOHNSON, the Everton chairman, views the Wembley triumph over Manchester United as the stepping stone to another era of Goodison greatness. Twelve years ago, Adrian Heath provided the launchpad for a struggling Everton with an unexpected equaliser in the Milk Cup at Oxford.

That goal began the transformation of Howard Kendall's Everton from relegation candidates to regular championship and cup contenders. Now it could happen again, with Paul Rideout's Wembley strike proving the catalyst. "I'd like to think this will be the start of another Everton dynasty," Johnson said.

Johnson, ready to put another large chunk of his estimated £150 million fortune into Everton, added: "Whenever good players become available we will be in there competing for them. I will sit down with Joe next week and discover who he wants. But the current team have done us proud. We won the cup fair and square, conceding only one goal to a rather doubtful semi-final penalty.

"When Joe came, he proved himself a shrewd tactician and we showed championship form over the last three-quarters of the season. If we had done that earlier we could have finished in the top five."

Anders Limpar, man of the match for many, joined in the praise of Royle. "When we got knocked out in the Coca-Cola Cup at Portsmouth, everybody was so low," he said. "Then Joe came in and he's meant something extra-special, both for Everton and for me. He's let me perform."

Paul Rideout, the goalscorer, also paid tribute to Royle's inspirational efforts. "Before he came I'd asked for a move and I was looking for another club," the 31-year-old striker said. "But Joe's given belief to everyone in the side. We were playing as individuals rather than as a team until he came."

The joy in the Everton camp was matched by the despair of the United players after a week which had seen both the trophies won 12 months ago slip from their grasp.

Southall the unbeatable



Simon Barnes applauds the magnificent double-save made by a goalkeeper who blotted out the sun for Manchester United

In the pub before the game the telly was showing the great goals of Cup Final history, and I observed sniffily that they wouldn't show anything better than Jim Montgomery. For those who don't recall, Montgomery, Sunderland's goalie, made a series of inspired saves in the 1973 Cup Final. His fit of genius allowed Leeds United, who thought they were the best team in history, to be beaten by Sunderland, who knew they weren't even the best team in the second division.

Well, I was wrong, of course, but only in a way. The result of the FA Cup Final on Saturday was, as an upset, not in the same class as '73. But there was a moment of pure goalkeeping that was the equal of anything Montgomery did.

At the end, they told us that Dave Watson, the Everton captain, was man of the match, and there was universal dismay. Surely the choice was between Limpar, who gave the match to Everton, and Neville Southall, who hung onto it.

Let us re-run that double-save in slo-mo. Giggs's sweet'n'low cross found Scholes at the far post. And Scholes got it right: a rising shot from very close in that might have taken the goalie's head off.

Great goalkeepers, in this situation, are capable of taking on an aspect of hugeness. The position they adopt makes them twice as big as they actually are. Just as you can block out the sun with your fingertip, so a goalkeeper can block out his entire goal.

Southall stood big, the shot came, and, stealing an extra nanosecond by falling away from the ball, slinging up a pair of hands, each one capable of blocking out a galaxy, he parried. That left him on his backside, the ball at Scholes's feet.

Again, Scholes got it right, and lashed the rebound goalwards. Southall, grounded, with hands out of commission, scythed the ball away with his foot. Manchester United's best was not good enough. For them, the double-save introduced the sickener-factor. That decided the match.

Though one must add two almost celebratory interventions. The first was a diving slip-catch from Pallister's header, which Southall saw so early he had the leisure to take in style. The second, right at the end, was a cross met with a leaping one-handed catch, a piece of pure show-boating that rubbed in the truth: Everton had won the Cup.

And so on Saturday night, there was Southall, skiving off the banquet and driving home by himself to Llandudno. Because he is mad, because he is his own man, because he is a goalie, whatever. "People can think what they like," Southall said. "What annoys them is that I don't have rules." Not a policy about banquets, that. A policy about life.

There is something of the throwback about Southall. He is 36, and looks as if he is paid seven shillings and sixpence a week and trains on fish and chips. Certainly, he looked absurd in that thoroughly-modern-goalie outfit they stuck him in.

It looked as if he was sticking an incongruous head over a fair-ground cut-out. Southall's spiritual garb is a green woolly and a flat tweed cap. And you can't help but feel that if 7s 6d was the maximum wage, he'd be training at nine o'clock every morning in the hissing rain.

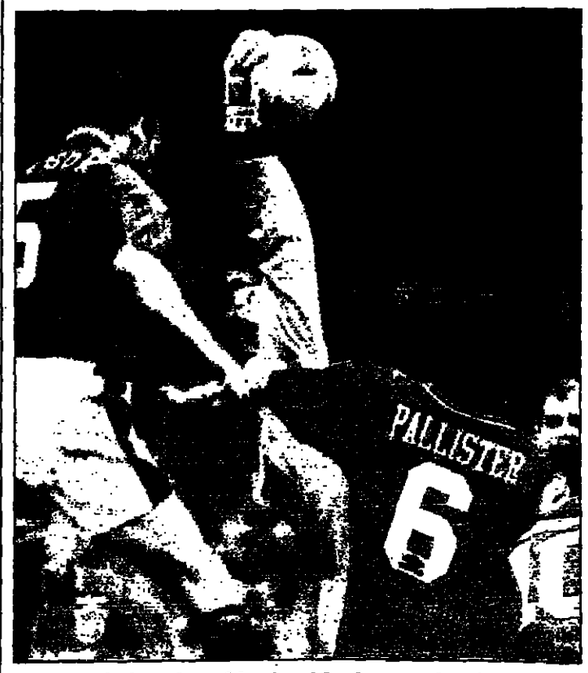
Like all goalkeepers, Southall's reputation for madness is exaggerated; his perfect singularity misunderstood. A goalkeeper is, by definition, a singular man. But when you prick him, he bleeds like the rest.

Southall's performance on Saturday is all the more satisfying because of that. Everton have had a poor season, rescued and finally brought to glory by a touch of fire and inspiration at the end. Southall's season has followed that pattern exactly. Nothing became him in this season like the leaving of it.

Southall's dip in form was sad to see. He has always been one of the good eggs of the game. He is remarkable for two things. One is his incomparable ability to make the snazziest goalie outfit look like something picked up for two quid at a Help the Aged shop. Stark naked, he'd look overdressed and scruffy.

The second thing is his famous sit-down "protest", when, a few seasons back, he came out early after the interval and sat against a post for a bit of a think. This was seen as a protest against his colleagues. It was done, he said, because he "felt his head going", and had to sort it out.

Goalkeepers traditionally have tenuous control over that particular chunk of anatomy. They play by different rules to everyone else. Quite literally. On Saturday, Southall, completely barking or mad north-north-west, had a day of singular perfection. Hence the result.



Southall rises above friend and foe for a one-handed catch

Fourth day irrelevant on pitches favourable to bowlers

BY ALAN LEE
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ON A day when Northamptonshire won despite being bowled out for 59, when Middlesex managed only 200 in two innings and when Yorkshire won in little more than six sessions for the second successive week, the question in the Britannic Assurance championship was whether to mourn the depressing standard of batting or the inadequacy of pitches.

Neither one, certainly, is to be celebrated but if events sustain the suspicion that there are far too many English batsmen who find survival impossible once the ball moves laterally, greater alarm in official circles will be directed at the fact that five out of seven in the current round of fixtures have no need of a fourth day.

Only at Chester-le-Street, where the cricket has been attritional if not ponderous, and at Hove, where Sussex are four wickets away from beating Essex handsomely, will there be cricket to watch today. Black Monday. There will be members and followers, around the country, feeling short-changed and there is further reinforcement, here, for the widespread condemnation of the shallow and uncompetitive county system.

The greatest attention, however, should be focused on the surfaces that brought about such premature finishes. Already, Donald Carr and his troubleshooters on the Test and County Cricket Board pitches committee have descended upon Bradford, but Saturday also saw 21 wickets fall at Northampton and 13, in less than half the scheduled playing hours, at Lord's.

Before this season began, the Board modified its pitches directive, allowing some grass to be left on but encouraging the ends to be prepared to support spin. I understand that a second letter has been circulated already after fears that certain counties were interpreting the concession as a licence to produce multi-coloured Utopias for bowlers of all breeds.

Not everyone agrees that corrective action is needed. Brian Bolus, employed by the Board as an aide to the chairman of selectors, apparently assured the pitches committee that the Bradford match had been full of entertainment. This somewhat missed the point. As for the assertion by Kim Barnett, the Derbyshire captain, that the Chesterfield surface last week, on which two bones were broken and 40 wickets fell in little more than two days, was the type on which all games should be played, the very idea beggars belief.

Yorkshire won the Chester-



Pigott: eleven wickets

field game by a mere seven runs. They had more to spare at Bradford, where Glamorgan's bright start to the championship ended with a seven-wicket defeat. Yorkshire have won all three of their games, their best start in the championship for many a year, and their position is not illusory, whatever the pitches they have been playing on.

Eight points ahead of them, however, lie Lancashire. Galling though this may be for those gloryings in the Yorkshire revival, it is the clearest indication yet of a power shift in the county game, where northern clubs have languished for too long.

Neither side, however, has yet usurped Northamptonshire, who stay top after winning a bizarre game with Surrey. Few of us imagined observing Tony Pigott, 37 next month, taking ten wickets in a match for only the second time in his lengthy career, but his figures of 11 for 111 were in vain. Surrey, required to make 200 for an improbable win, fell ten runs short.

Hampshire, suffering a third defeat in three starts, and Derbyshire, now beaten three times since their first-game demolition of Sussex, look sure to finish among the also-rans. Sussex may have higher ambitions.

Smith hooked on return to Test arena

Andrew Longmore on the accomplished batsman ignored by the England selectors

CHRIS SMITH



Smith's impressive Test record has been built on his ability to take the fight to the fast bowlers

It has not been a good few days for Robin Smith. On Thursday evening, at ten to seven, he was run out for the third time this season through no fault of his own. On Friday, he was left out of the first England international squad of the summer and dropped a straightforward slip catch. The batsman, Neil Taylor, went on to make 87. On Saturday, he was out cutting a spinner. Caught de Silva bowled Patel 22.

"The ball rolled up his arm and back into his hands," Smith recalled a few hours later. "A foot either side and it would have been 26 not out without thinking. Now, people will look in the paper and say: 'I see Smith was out to a spinner again.' But I really played him very comfortably. I was feeling outstanding out there. Then, boom, you're out."

To add to his frustrations, David Graveney, the newly elected England selector, had popped in to the Southampton ground earlier in the week, bringing some sign that the forgotten name had remained on Raymond Illingworth's files. After a long, silent, recuperative winter away from the game, Smith appreciated the thought, if not the message. "For the first time in my career, there was a little communication. He said there were a few others in front of me, but he told me to keep working hard and keep scoring runs. It wasn't really what I wanted to hear, but at least someone is telling me what's going on."

SMITH points out that he is not the first, nor will he be the last, England batsman to be summarily discarded and he is not seeking sympathy. But, even given notoriously itchy fingers on the selection ejector button, his fall has been so devastatingly swift, you wonder whether the reasons go deeper than mere loss of form.

One moment, first choice, the next, not one of the top ten best batsmen in the country, his Test batting average of 44 in 53 matches overridden by criticism of his technique against the spinners — Shane Warne, mainly — and some stray comments from Keith Fletcher, then England manager, about cricket taking second place to business.

At the time he was dropped, painfully, before the Tests against South Africa last summer, that seemed to make sense. Even Smith was beginning to believe the rumours of his demise. "I'm not a naturally arrogant person and criticisms get to me more than they might with someone else. I know I should be strong enough not to be affected by them, but when you read something over and over again and, even in benefit games, people are shouting, 'Hey, I'll get Smithy, I can bowl leggies', it does get to you.

"At Lord's last summer, it was a new regime in charge and I was really nervous and fidgety because I knew Illy had backed up those comments on my business interests. I didn't feel at all confident about my place in the side and so, bang, bang, I played like a complete beginner. Then I had one miss at Old Trafford and never played again. I failed three times and I was out." But was there a grain of truth in Fletcher's criticism?

"No, definitely not. I am my own strongest critic and my family would never let me get away with that. If they saw anything, they would let me know long before the newspapers did. If Fletch felt that I wasn't concentrating on my cricket, he should have spoken to me privately, not told the world's press about it."

For the record, Smith's business interests are a company manufacturing cricket helmets, run by the former Hampshire batsman, Jon Hardy, and a new travel company, Judge Tours, set up a year ago. "I'm quite glad I had some outside interests, otherwise I would be a total wreck," he said.

"For a start, I would not have had any income in the winter. It's all very well when you're playing for England. You have a good lifestyle, a nice house, drive nice cars. Then, all of a sudden, you're out and what do you do? Go on the dole? It's a very unsettling career. But in no way do any of my business interests detract from my drive or my motivation to play for England. I'm desperate to get back into the team, but I have to think of the future and my family, too."

As news of the England one-day squad was announced over the loudspeaker at Southampton last week, Smith stopped his net practice — against an off spinner, as it happens — to listen, head bowed, ears straining. It was like going back to the school noticeboard, searching the team-sheet for your name. Fairbrother, Wells . . . "I knew deep down I wouldn't be there. I haven't scored the runs, but until you hear it, you have a slight feeling you might get a break and that's what I need because I know if I did get a recall I'm playing as well and working as hard as at any time in my life."

> **'I have been hit in the solar plexus; let's see if I am a good fighter or a loser'**

Though his last innings against West Indies was a little matter of 175 in Lara's Test, the long-term aim now, at the age of 31, is to return to his native South Africa next winter as a member of the England tour party rather than the leader of Judge Tours, which will be taking a party to Cape Town.

"I'll give myself 18 months to get back into the England side. But if I've produced the goods, worked hard and still not got back, then I'll know that I really don't fit and I'll look for something else to do. I'd retire or whatever.

"It's not a sob story because I've played more international cricket than a lot of people and even if I'm not playing for England, I love playing for Hampshire. But they say that good fighters can get off the canvas and come back. I've been hit in the solar plexus: let's see if I'm a good fighter or a loser."

Lancashire equipped to maintain challenge for honours

BY SIMON WILDE

SAY IT with care around Old Trafford, but Manchester may not be long without sporting laurels. What United's footballers have failed to secure, could soon be provided by Lancashire's cricketers, and it might not be just one prize that they bring home by autumn.

In the past ten days, they have beaten the last two county champions, Warwickshire and Middlesex, with more than a day to spare. They have three wins out of three and only one of the bonus points available has escaped them.

"We are delighted with the way we have started," Mike Watkinson, the Lancashire captain, said. "In recent seasons we have begun poorly in the championship and found ourselves trying to catch others up. Now we have got a head start."

As Warwickshire showed last year, it is essential to have strength in depth to survive the rigours of a long season, but Watkinson feels that Lancashire have the players to cope. "We have a good squad, which is important because in a few days' time we lose three players to England and that could go on all season."

Watkinson was absent through injury from the match with Middlesex which finished on Saturday, but he was hardly missed. His stand-in, Graham Lloyd, made the top score of the match and the seam attack of Wasim Akram, Martin, Chapple and Gallian hardly required assistance. They dismissed Middlesex for 88 and 112 in just 572 balls, the last 13 wickets in only three hours 20 minutes on Saturday, to complete a win by an innings and 175 runs.

Wasim, who took nine wickets, is popularly perceived as the key to Lancashire's championship hopes but they are a team in which few can be sure of their places and nobody is indispensable, not even the England captain or a former captain of Pakistan.

Indeed, it may not be insignificant that Atherton, who scored precious few runs for the county in 1994, and Wasim, without whom Lancashire won five of their last eight championship matches last season, have recently made sizeable contributions.

Both certainly made an impact at Lord's. "The way Atherton and Crawley survived on the first morning was vital," Watkinson said. "Wasim bowled superbly throughout. He stuck to the right line and length and did not bowl too many bouncers."

SATURDAY'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

Northamptonshire v Surrey

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Northamptonshire (24pts) beat Surrey (5) by nine runs

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 403 (A J Lamb 166, K M Curran 117, A C S Pigott 6 for 91)

Second Innings

†R J Warren c Bicknell b Benjamin ... 0
A Fordham c Kersey b Benjamin ... 1
R J Bailey b Pigott ... 13
T C Walton c Kersey b Pigott ... 2
*A J Lamb c Thorpe b Benjamin ... 4
K M Curran c Stewart b Benjamin ... 9
D J Capel c Nowell b Pigott ... 4
A L Penberthy b Benjamin ... 5
A Kumble b Pigott ... 1
C S Atkins not out ... 8
J P Taylor b Pigott ... 8
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 4) ... 6
Total ... 59

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-4, 4-11, 5-27, 6-33, 7-42, 8-43, 9-43.
BOWLING: Benjamin 12-3-37-5; Pigott 11 3-4-20-5

SURREY: First Innings
D J Bicknell c Capel b Taylor ... 0
*A J Stewart b Capel ... 9
M A Butcher c Curran b Atkins ... 52
G P Thorpe c Curran b Kumble ... 42
A D Brown b Penberthy ... 7
A J Hollioake low b Kumble ... 47
†G J Kersey low b Kumble ... 64
A C S Pigott c Fordham b Kumble ... 5
R W Nowell c Taylor b Penberthy ... 9
J E Benjamin not out ... 3
S G Kenlock low b Taylor ... 12
Extras (lb 11, nb 2) ... 13
Total (82.4 overs) ... 263

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-14, 3-86, 4-101, 5-142, 6-178, 7-194, 8-246, 9-250.
BOWLING: Taylor 17.4-4-53-2; Capel 5-2-22-1; Kumble 30-12-47-4; Bailey 2-2-0-0; Penberthy 15-1-56-2, Curran 12-4-28-0; Atkins 11-4-46-1

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c Lamb b Kumble ... 33
*A J Stewart c Curran b Capel ... 39
M A Butcher c Warren b Capel ... 8
G P Thorpe low b Kumble ... 0
A D Brown c and b Capel ... 3
A J Hollioake not out ... 54
†G J Kersey c Curran b Taylor ... 3
A C S Pigott b Capel ... 19
R W Nowell low b Taylor ... 8
J E Benjamin b Taylor ... 8
S G Kenlock b Kumble ... 0
Extras (b 8, lb 5, nb 2) ... 15
Total ... 190

FALL OF WICKETS 1-66, 2-80, 3-80, 4-83, 5-83, 6-116, 7-153, 8-177, 9-189
BOWLING: Taylor 13-1-42-3, Curran 3-0-29-0, Capel 18-3-62-4; Penberthy 5-1-15-0; Kumble 21.5-5-29-3.
Umpires: K J Lyons and B Leadbeater.

Middlesex v Lancashire

LORD'S (third day of four): Lancashire (24pts) beat Middlesex (4) by an innings and 175 runs

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 375 (G D Lloyd 75, J P Crawley 55, M A Atherton 54)

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

*M W Gatting low b Wasim ... 3
J C Pooley b Chapple ... 7
M R Ramprakash c Atherton b Wasim ... 0
J D Carr low b Wasim ... 8
P N Weekes b Martin ... 27
†K R Brown c Gallian b Wasim ... 19
D J Nash c Yates b Gallian ... 15
R L Johnson b Wasim ... 1
J E Emburey c Hegg b Wasim ... 0
M A Feltham not out ... 1
A R C Fraser c Atherton b Gallian ... 0
Extras (b 8, lb 5, nb 2) ... 7
Total (53.5 overs) ... 88

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-6, 3-18, 4-34, 5-51, 6-77, 7-78, 8-78, 9-87.
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 19-4-35-6, Martin 16-9-10-1, Chapple 8-4-14-1, Gallian 10 5-3-24-2.

Second Innings

*M W Gatting c Martin b Wasim ... 0
J C Pooley c Speak b Wasim ... 2
M R Ramprakash c Crawley b Martin ... 1
J D Carr c and b Gallian ... 12
P N Weekes b Chapple ... 16
†K R Brown c Crawley b Chapple ... 18
D J Nash c Gallian b Chapple ... 6
R L Johnson c Chapple b Wasim ... 4
J E Emburey c sub b Martin ... 25
M A Feltham not out ... 13
A R C Fraser low b Martin ... 0
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1, nb 6) ... 15
Total ... 112

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-3, 3-3, 4-26, 5-40, 6-56, 7-68, 8-68, 9-112.
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 12-4-26-3, Martin 9.3-3-31-3, Chapple 13-4-27-3, Gallian 7-1-20-1.
Umpires: A A Jones and J D Bond.

Leicestershire v Derbyshire

LEICESTER (third day of four): Leicestershire (24pts) beat Derbyshire (6) by nine wickets

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 256 (J Owen 50, G J Parsons 4 for 55)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Millns b Mullally ... 71
C J Adams low b Parsons ... 17
T J G O'Gorman c Whitticase b Parsons ... 0
C M Wells b Mullally ... 61
T W Harrison low b Mullally ... 0
D G Cork low b Mullally ... 1
P A J DeFreitas c Maddy b Mullally ... 3
J Owen c Maddy b Wells ... 11
†A D Brassington b Mullally ... 4
A E Warner c Maddy b Wells ... 0
D E Malcolm not out ... 0
Extras (lb 3, nb 2) ... 5
Total ... 173

FALL OF WICKETS 1-36, 2-36, 3-134, 4-134, 5-142, 6-152, 7-169, 8-173, 9-173.
BOWLING: Millns 1.1-0-15-0, Mullally 23-10-50-6; Wells 6.3-6-12-2; Parsons 22-6-64-2; Pierson 5-1-15-0; Cronje 4-1-14-0.
LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 357 (J J Whitaker 120, P Whitticase 51, D G Cork 5 for 74)

Second Innings

D L Maddy c O'Gorman b Barnett ... 24
*N E Briers not out ... 34
W J Cronje not out ... 6
Extras (lb 7, nb 2) ... 9
Total (1 wkt) ... 73

FALL OF WICKET: 1-61.
BOWLING: Cork 11-6-18-0; DeFreitas 13-3-27-0; Warner 5-0-15-0; Barnett 2.1-1-6-1
Umpires: D J Constant and V A Holder.

Hampshire v Kent

SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four): Kent (21pts) beat Hampshire (4) by 39 runs

KENT: First Innings 207

Second Innings 268 (N R Taylor 87, M J Walker 53; S D Udal 5 for 81)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 137 (M J McCague 5 for 47)

Second Innings

V P Terry low b Iggleseden ... 48
R S M Morris low b Iggleseden ... 40
J P Stephenson c Ward b de Silva ... 8
R A Smith c de Silva b Patel ... 22
*M C J Nicholas c McCague b Patel ... 37
G W White low b McCague ... 25
†A N Aymes not out ... 60
S D Udal c Willis b Headley ... 5
H H Streak c Headley b McCague ... 30
C A Connor low b Headley ... 19
J N B Bovill b Headley ... 0
Extras (b 5, lb 9, w 1, nb 10) ... 25
Total ... 319

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-95, 2-96, 3-129, 4-129, 5-193, 6-206, 7-250, 8-281, 9-319.
BOWLING: McCague 31-8-70-2; Headley 22.4-3-84-3, Iggleseden 14-3-47-2; Patel 30-9-92-2, Ealham 14-5-20-0; de Silva 16-5-42-1
Umpires: N T Plews and G Sharp.

Yorkshire v Glamorgan

BRADFORD (third day of four): Yorkshire (20pts) beat Glamorgan (4) by seven wickets

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 135

Second Innings

S P James low b Hartley ... 28
*H Morris c Gough b Hartley ... 4
D L Hemp c Blakey b Hartley ... 25
M P Maynard c Bevan b Hartley ... 19
P A Cottey low b Robinson ... 51
A Dale c Blakey b Hartley ... 0
R D B Croft c Bevan b Hartley ... 4
H A G Anthony c Blakey b Gough ... 37
R P Lefebvre run out ... 24
†C P Metson c Bevan b Robinson ... 2
S L Watkin not out ... 10
Extras (b 5, lb 3) ... 8
Total ... 212

FALL OF WICKETS 1-14, 2-62, 3-70, 4-83, 5-85, 6-101, 7-149, 8-186, 9-198.
BOWLING: Gough 11-1-44-1, Hartley 18-3-64-6, White 7-0-35-0; Robinson 11.5-2-40-2; Stemp 8-6-13-0; Vaughan 3-1-8-0.
YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A McGrath c Maynard b Watkin ... 0
M P Vaughan c James b Watkin ... 74
*D Byas c Hemp b Watkin ... 45
M G Bevan c Metson b Croft ... 22
R D Stemp c Morris b Dale ... 8
C White b Dale ... 0
†R J Blakey c Cottey b Watkin ... 4
A P Grayson c Maynard b Watkin ... 6
D Gough c Maynard b Anthony ... 8
P J Hartley not out ... 10
M A Robinson c Hemp b Watkin ... 7
Extras (lb 5) ... 5
Total (68 overs) ... 189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-98, 3-142, 4-142, 5-142, 6-155, 7-183, 8-188, 9-172.
BOWLING: Watkin 23-6-55-6; Anthony 16-4-48-1; Dale 13-3-38-2; Lefebvre 12-4-34-0; Croft 4-2-8-1.

Second Innings

A McGrath c Cottey b Croft ... 36
M P Vaughan low b Watkin ... 3
*D Byas st Metson b Croft ... 57
M G Bevan not out ... 51
C White not out ... 8
Extras (lb 4, nb 2) ... 6
Total (3 wkts) ... 161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-61, 3-130.
BOWLING: Watkin 12-3-38-1; Anthony 11-1-40-0; Lefebvre 17-6-30-0; Croft 15.1-4-28-2; Dale 6-2-21-0.
Umpires: J W Holder and P Willey.

Sussex v Essex

HOVE (third day of four): Essex, with four second-innings wickets in hand, require 330 runs to beat Sussex.

SUSSEX: First Innings 326 (P Moores 86, K Greenfield 51, M C Ilott 7 for 82)

Second Innings

C W J Athey b Ilott ... 21
J W Hall b Ilott ... 15
K Newell c Waugh b Irani ... 10
*A P Wells b Childs ... 69
K Greenfield c Rollins b Waugh ... 121
†P Moores low b Childs ... 94
F D Stephenson c Hussain b Waugh ... 18
I D K Salisbury c Hussain b Ilott ... 18
J Lewry c Lewis b Waugh ... 1
E S H Giddins c Gooch b Waugh ... 0
E E Hemmings not out ... 7
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 3, nb 6) ... 16
Total ... 390

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-42, 3-48, 4-137, 5-285, 6-310, 7-360, 8-361, 9-361.
BOWLING: Ilott 27-6-75-3; Cousins 13-1-47-0, Such 21-4-72-0; Irani 13-1-80-1; Waugh 17-3-76-4; Childs 25-6-53-2
ESSEX: First Innings 185 (R C Irani 57 not out, E S H Giddins 5 for 48)

Second Innings

G A Gooch b Salisbury ... 35
*P J Prichard c Salisbury b Stephenson ... 9
M E Waugh low b Salisbury ... 39
N Hussain c Athey b Salisbury ... 60
J J B Lewis low b Giddins ... 0
R C Irani c Lewry b Salisbury ... 15
†R J Rollins not out ... 32
M C Ilott not out ... 0
Extras (b 4, lb 7) ... 11
Total (6 wkts) ... 202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-99, 3-100, 4-143, 5-198.
BOWLING: Stephenson 6-1-24-1; Lewry 7-0-33-0, Salisbury 19-5-47-4; Giddins 6-0-33-1; Hemmings 11-1-54-0
Bonus points: Sussex 7 Essex 4
Umpires: J H Harris and T E Jesty.

Durham v Warwickshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four): Warwickshire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 187 runs ahead of Durham

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 424 (A J Moles 90, N V Knight 88, R G Twose 51; S J E Brown 5 for 123)

Second Innings

A J Moles b Brown ... 22
N V Knight low b Brown ... 4
R G Twose c Ligertwood b Brown ... 2
D P Ostler c Saxelby b Brown ... 7
T L Penney not out ... 7
*D A Reeve not out ... 32
Extras (lb 1, w 1) ... 2
Total (4 wkts) ... 76

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-29, 3-30, 4-39.
BOWLING: Brown 14-2-28-4; Prabhakar 8-4-22-0; Batts 4-2-10-0; Boiling 2-0-15-0.
DURHAM: First Innings

*M A Roseberry b Brown ... 25
W Larkins c Piper b Reeve ... 58
J E Morris c and b Twose ... 120
J A Daley c Twose b Brown ... 31
M Saxelby low b Smith ... 16
M Prabhakar c Piper b Twose ... 27
†D G C Ligertwood low b Twose ... 2
J Wood c Davis b Reeve ... 5
J Boiling not out ... 14
S J E Brown c Knight b Bell ... 1
M M Betts low b Brown ... 2
Extras (lb 2, nb 2) ... 4
Total ... 313

Score at 120 overs: 305-9.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-83, 3-165, 4-204, 5-282, 6-289, 7-294, 8-296, 9-303.
BOWLING: Brown 24.2-7-65-3; Bell 29-10-77-1; Reeve 28-11-59-2; Smith 18-5-45-1, Twose 20-6-51-3; Davis 2-1-14-0
Bonus points: Durham 5 Warwickshire 6.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H Hampshire.

University match

Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 303 for 6 dec (G W Mike 68 not out, C Benton 63, J E Hindson 53 not out)

Second Innings

M P Dowman c and b Macmillan ... 107
*W M Noon c Kendall b Mather ... 66
†L N Walker c Sutcliffe b Mather ... 18
J R Wileman not out ... 27
C Benton not out ... 17
Extras (b 2, lb 4, nb 2) ... 8
Total (3 wkts dec) ... 243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-168, 2-192, 3-203
BOWLING: MacRobert 6-2-13-0; Mather 20-1-82-2; Malik 2-1-1-0; Macmillan 19-1-88-1; Sutcliffe 1-0-1-0; Ricketts 12-0-34-0; Attlelo 9-0-38-0
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 280 for 5 dec (W S Kendall 74, A C Ridley 71)

Second Innings

C M Gupte c Field-Buss b Mike ... 13
I J Sutcliffe not out ... 44
A C Ridley st Walker b Field-Buss ... 30
*G I Macmillan c Walker b Chapman ... 15
W S Kendall not out ... 1
Extras (b 5) ... 5
Total (3 wkts) ... 108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-85, 3-105.
BOWLING: Mike 6-0-19-1; Pennett 4-1-12-0; Field-Buss 13-5-28-1; Hindson 11-3-31-0; Chapman 3-0-11-1; Bates 3-2-2-0.
Umpires: A G T Whitehead and M K Reed.

Young blades sharpening skills on blunted attacks

BY JOHN GOODBODY

DORSET may not possess a first-class cricket side but the county is nurturing two of the most prolific schoolboy batsmen in England. Matthew Swarbrick, at Clayesmore, and Tim Lamb, at Bryanston, schools within a few miles of each other, are both enjoying fine seasons.

Cricket, hemmed in by examinations, bad weather and the shortening of the summer term, survives and sometimes flourishes in schools through the dedication of the masters and coaches and the enthusiasm of the pupils.

It is not easy to devote yourself to long afternoons of cricket when you know that the same hours spent in revision could make the difference to an A-level grade.

Roger Denning, the first XI coach at Clayesmore, had two boys decline to play for the school this term because of the pressures of work. In the match between the schools last Thursday, which Bryanston won by two wickets off the last ball, several boys were studying while waiting to bat.



Lamb, left, and Swarbrick, who have been piling up the runs this season. Photograph: Adrian Brooks

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Some have had extra time for revision this season because of the long spells Swarbrick and Lamb have spent at the crease. Swarbrick, who represented Hampshire second XI against the MCC Young Professionals last year, ended the 1994 season with centuries against Abbotsholme and Victoria College, Jersey.

This summer he has scored 127 against Bainbridge, 135 not out against Sherborne II, 135 against Canford II, 42 against Millfield II and 117 against the Old Clayesmorians. Since Clayesmore, whose most famous cricketing old boy is Lt-Col John Stephenson, former secretary of MCC, has only 280 pupils, the school is obliged to play the second teams of many of its bigger rivals.

Bryanston, beaten only by Winchester in the last three seasons, played its first XI last week against Clayesmore and Swarbrick scored 93 before he was caught.

It was a difficult day for Denning. Not only was he coaching Clayesmore but he had a son in each of the two teams, with one trying to bowl out Swarbrick. 17, who he describes as an exceptionally correct batsman and determined — "focused, I believe is the in-word".

Swarbrick has played full back for Dorset and Wiltshire under-19s at rugby union and represented the county as a 100-metre freestyle swimmer. But now, his father says, he "eats, lives and sleeps cricket".

Lamb has been almost as prolific, scoring 100 not out against King's School, Bruton, 134 against Monkton Combe, 92 not out against Prior Park and 79 against The Forty Club. Then, last Thursday, he got 62 against Clayesmore.

He believes his main weakness is against leg spin, "but I'm working on that." Tim Hill, the master in charge of cricket at Bryanston, described Lamb as "potentially the best batsman we have had recently at the school. He is also phenomenally talented in other areas." Lamb has played at stand-off half for Wasps under-19s and is a county hockey player.

On Saturday, he was brought down to earth, being caught in the slips for a duck as Bryanston lost to Canford by 63 runs. Swarbrick, however, hit 152 not out, a school record, as Clayesmore beat Milton Abbey by 85 runs.

His failure, perhaps, has yet to come.

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Another batting failure by the captain adds to West Indies' worries

Ambrose unable to recapture aura of menace

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TAUNTON (final day of three): Somerset drew with the West Indians

WITH a late arrival and an abbreviated run-in to the international programme, there was always scope for early trauma within the West Indies party but they had not bargained for the disintegrating confidence of two of their central characters. At Taunton yesterday, as Richie Richardson and Curtly Ambrose continued to grope blindly for form, there was much to cheer the patriotic Englishman.

Richardson, having promoted himself to open, was out to the fourth ball of the day. Arguably, he was fortunate to have lasted so long. He has now managed five runs from three first-class innings on tour, not the ideal preparation for the first of the three one-day internationals, at Trent Bridge, on Wednesday. Of equal concern to the touring side, however, is the disorientation of Ambrose, presently a sorry imitation of the bowler England have come to fear above all others.

His figures yesterday were nought for 49 from ten overs, respectable only when set against the nought for 64 in nine he suffered on Saturday. So far on the tour he has taken one wicket for 206, conceding upwards of six runs an over and bowling 32 no-balls, unprecedented for one whose smoothly loping run-up has always served him so well.

With each no-ball now worth two runs to the opposition, Ambrose's plight is not only frustrating to him but highly expensive to his team. Potentially, it could cost them a one-day game this week. Andy Roberts, the team coach, does not disguise the anxiety over Ambrose but points out: "If a fast bowler loses his rhythm, as he has done, it doesn't all come back suddenly."

Over-stepping is very far from being Ambrose's only problem. He does not swing the ball – although Roberts is trying to educate him – so the essence of his bowling has customarily been to gain extravagant bounce from an indestructible line and length. Inexplicably, his accuracy has deserted him.

Late yesterday, as Somerset's Mark Lathwell repaired his own shaky start to the season with an exhilarating 76, Ambrose, glowering with bewilderment rather than hostility, first fed him with leg-stump half-volleys and then with short balls outside off stump.

Lathwell fell upon them like a man being offered his first meal in a week, which must approximate to how he felt after scoring 84 runs in six previous first-class innings this season. He is a player of rare gifts but when his minimal footwork lets him down, as it has been doing, his susceptibilities are all too plain. This innings may have done his confidence a world of good. Somerset, who badly need the pace of his runs, must hope so.

Lathwell's batting, decorated with back-foot drives, was academic in relation to the game, which had been condemned to a slow and unsatisfactory death once Richardson had delayed his declaration until 40 minutes after lunch, by which time Sherwin Campbell had made a further claim to a Test place with an expansive 80 and Shivnarine Chanderpaul, mature and composed, had reached 50.

Theoretically, Richardson set Somerset to score 325 from 47 overs. In practice, he was settling for a quiet draw and a limited workout for a bowling attack that could not cope with any further mishaps so close to the serious business of the tour.

Kenny Benjamin was unable to take the field, his back having stiffened up after some uncomfortable nights on soft hotel beds. He is not thought to be in serious doubt for Trent Bridge, which also applies to the one bowler in prime form, Courtney Walsh. His four wickets on Saturday were taken between rests for a sore bowling shoulder and yesterday, just to add to his discomfort, he needed treatment to his left foot.

At least this gave Richardson the opportunity to bowl Keith Arthurton and Carl Hooper, who will share the duties of fifth bowler during the Texaco Trophy series.

It also allowed Keith Parsons, whose defensive play bears an uncanny resemblance to that of the former Somerset captain, Chris Tavaré, to make a pleasing half-century. The locals went home purring. The West Indians' coach headed north-east to Nottingham, carrying some pensive frowns.

Armed bandits stopped a car driven by Inzamam-ul-Haq, the Pakistan Test batsman, in the strife-torn city of Karachi but let him go unharmed without taking cash or jewellery when they discovered who he was.

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Turner won this appeal for a stumping which ended Campbell's innings at 80

Winning streak continues for jolly Lancashire

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Middlesex by eight wickets

TO THEIR overwhelming victory in the championship match, Lancashire added a win of similar ease yesterday. In all they have won ten matches out of eleven in three competitions. The other, against Durham in the Benson and Hedges Cup, was rained off.

They are not unstoppable but they are playing extremely well and look a happy, united team, which is perhaps the root of it. Watkinson, the captain, must take immense credit for that. So too must David Lloyd who is that rare thing in English cricket, the coach who coaches. As yet, though, they have won nothing.

Middlesex never got a proper start. Pooley went in Wasim's first over, caught at slip, and Carr edged Chapple's outswinger to Crawley, who was replacing the injured Hegg behind the stumps. When Gatting, attempting to cut Austin, was also caught behind, Middlesex were forced to rebuild an innings without Ramprakash, who was nursing a hamstring injury.

Chapple, swinging the ball at will, was the most impressive of Lancashire's six bowlers. Yates has played in both games this week and not bowled a ball. He did not have to yesterday as wickets fell at regular intervals. Weekes made the top score, 45, hitting three of the four boundaries in the Middlesex innings. But for a last wicket stand of 31 between Fraser and Johnson, their score would have been even more pitiful.

Lancashire fielded well and held their catches. The best belonged to Watkinson, to dismiss Nash, and Martin, who judged Farbrace's top-edged pull splendidly at long leg. A word too for Crawley who kept wicket creditably.

Atherton launched the Lancashire reply with four boundaries off Feltham. The third of them, a lofted cover drive, was an extraordinary sight. He fields better than ever and is apparently in the best form of his life. It needed a good ball to dismiss him and Fraser supplied it, one that nipped back and kept a shade low.

His departure enabled Crawley to join Gallian in a partnership worth 122 over the next 22 overs. Gallian was still there at the end, reaching his half century with the winning boundary, a stroke off his legs at Gatting's expense. He had played the anchor role supremely well while Crawley played more expansively.



Gallian: the anchorman

He made 75 from 80 balls with 8 fours and a six, swept superbly off Embury over the longer boundary, a carry of a hundred yards. His best stroke, however, was a straight drive off Nash who had anticipated his likely movement, bowled outside the line of leg stump and saw Crawley return the ball, sweet as a nut, past him to the pavilion ropes.

☐ Martin Speight, the Sussex batsman, is still unable to pencil in a date for his first-team return after missing the start of the season with a mystery virus contracted on a pre-season tour of Spain.

Brown's rise gives Durham grounds for optimism

Pat Gibson on the bowler who has emerged as a role model for aspiring cricketers in the North East

Geordie boys have always had their role models when it comes to football. From Carter and Milburn to Beardsley and Gascoigne, there has been no shortage of idols to fuel their ambition. It has not been the same with cricket.

Now, however, Durham believe that they have a player whose emergence as a bowler of England potential could inspire the youngsters of the North East to follow his example and complete the making of a first-class county. As the first shout of "howay the lads" rang across their new Riverside Ground at Chester-le-Street on Saturday evening one suspected that they may be right. Simon Brown, 25, a left-arm fast medium bowler whose style is not dissimilar to that of John Lever, had just swung the ball in late to bowl as redoubtable an opening batsman as Warwickshire's Andy Moles through the gate and claim his 200th wicket for Durham in little over three seasons of first-class cricket.

It came in the middle of an exemplary spell of swing bowling in cool overcast conditions that brought Brown four for 28 in 14 overs and set up the prospect of a gripping finale to Durham's first match at their splendid new headquarters on the banks of the Wear. Brown, who has now taken nine wickets in the match, has been helped by the irregular bounce of a pitch that was laid only three years ago, although it was nothing like as bad as the one on which Durham beat Warwickshire by two runs in the AXA Equity & Law League yesterday. Brown took three wickets as Warwickshire struggled in pursuit of a target of 133, but Durham's match-winner was Saxelby, bowling for them for the first time in the competition. He took three crucial wickets and then conceded only four runs off the last over, which started with Warwickshire needing only seven to win.

Another victory over the champions today would be a significant milestone in Durham's development. It may sound trite but it is inescapably true to say that now they have got a ground in keeping with their first-class status, all they have to do is produce a team to match it. Brown has shown what can be achieved. He had been released after four seasons with Northamptonshire and went back to the North East to qualify as an electrician but Durham's elevation tempted him back into the game and he has been improving ever since.

"Simon is a terrific role model for our lads," Geoff Cook, the Durham director of cricket, said. "He's got credibility amongst his peers and that is a big step towards feeling confidence and comfortable and part of English cricket." Which is what everyone at Durham is aiming for.

Gough able to produce vital ball

BY IVO TENNANT

DARREN Gough, as we are reminded week in, week out, has virtues that mark him out for genuflection. An ebullient personality, an unquenchable spirit, a devastating yorker. One of two of these were to the fore when the AXA Equity & Law League match between Yorkshire and Glamorgan was decided on the very last ball at Headingley yesterday.

Dale, the most useful of all-rounders, needed three runs for Glamorgan to win. His eye was in: he had made 48 from just 39 balls, including four fours and a six pulled high over mid-wicket off the medium pace of White. Indeed, but for an accurate spell from Robinson, who conceded only 19 runs in his eight overs, his side would already have won. Morris and Cottey had both played decent innings.

Gough had had only six runs taken off his final two overs. His last ball, needless to say, was of full length. Dale wound himself up ambitiously, as he had to do, for the field was cannily set. But it was the dreaded yorker. His stumps were shattered and Yorkshire had won. To be able to bowl such a ball at such a stage of a match is quite a gift.

Elsewhere, runs were considerably more in evidence. At Southampton, Cowdrey took an unbeaten 105 off Hampshire's attack from only 62 balls. There were 12 fours and three sixes. His captain, Benson, struck 92. All of this meant that Hampshire, whose captain, Nicholas, must be starting to doubt the wisdom of playing on for a further season or two, needed seven an over to win. They fell well short of their target, as might have been expected given their indifferent form this season.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley Bitter Challenge

Somerset v West Indians

TAUNTON (final day of three): Somerset drew with the West Indians

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

C L Hooper c Mushtaq b Parsons 176
S L Campbell c Trump b Hayhurst 93
*R B Richardson c Trescothick b Mushtaq 4
J C Adams c Lathwell b Mushtaq 91
K L T Arthurton c Turner b Ecclestone 9
S Chanderpaul c and b Trump 30
†C O Browne c Turner b Hayhurst 17
C E L Ambrose not out 19
C A Walsh b Mushtaq 0
Extras (lb 8, w 2) 10
Total (8 wkts dec) 449

K C G Benjamin and R Dhanraj did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-242, 2-251, 3-287, 4-315, 5-370, 6-409, 7-449, 8-449.

BOWLING: Rose 15-5-37-0; Ecclestone 22-2-113-1; Hayhurst 14-0-83-2, Mushtaq Ahmed 16-3-77-3; Parsons 15-2-51-1; Trump 19-4-70-1; Trescothick 5-2-10-0.

Second Innings

*R B Richardson lbw b Rose 0
S L Campbell st Turner b Trump 80
K L T Arthurton c Rose b Trump 38
S Chanderpaul not out 50
J C Adams not out 7
Extras (lb 1) 1
Total (3 wkts dec) 176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-88, 3-164

BOWLING: Rose 10-2-53-1; Parsons 6-1-20-0; Trescothick 5-1-23-0, Hayhurst 3-0-19-0, Mushtaq Ahmed 8-2-28-0; Trump 12-4-3-32-2.

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell b Walsh 7
M E Trescothick c Browne b Benjamin 24
P D Bowler c Browne b Benjamin 84
R J Harden c and b Dhanraj 78
*†A N Hayhurst hit wicket b Walsh 7
K A Parsons c Browne b Walsh 0
G D Rose c Browne b Walsh 15
S C Ecclestone b Dhanraj 6
†R J Turner not out 12
Mushtaq Ahmed c Chanderpaul b Dhanraj 12
H R J Trump not out 1
Extras (lb 3, nb 52) 55
Total (9 wkts) 301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-60, 3-210, 4-239, 5-238, 6-254, 7-268, 8-276, 9-292.

BOWLING: Ambrose 9-1-64-0; Walsh 18-2-77-4, Benjamin 17-4-56-2; Hooper 15-1-47-0; Dhanraj 20-5-49-3; Arthurton 4-1-5-0.

Second Innings

M N Lathwell c Richardson b Dhanraj 76
M E Trescothick c Hooper b Walsh 0
K A Parsons not out 82
†R J Turner not out 15
Extras (lb 8, nb 8) 16
Total (2 wkts) 159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-125.

BOWLING: Ambrose 10-1-49-0; Walsh 6-2-17-1; Arthurton 4-1-8-0; Dhanraj 12-0-32-1; Hooper 3-0-17-0; Chanderpaul 8-0-28-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and R Palmer

AXA Equity & Law League

Northamptonshire v Surrey

NORTHAMPTON (Surrey won toss). Surrey (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by 14 runs

SURREY

D J Bicknell c Curran b Penberthy 76
A D Brown c Capel b Curran 39
*†A J Stewart b Penberthy 17
G P Thorpe c Warren b Snape 1
D M Ward b Curran 49
A J Hollioake not out 49
Nadeem Shahid not out 11
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 6, nb 2) 14
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs) 256

M A Butcher, J E Benjamin, A C S Pigott and S G Kenlock did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81, 2-118, 3-119, 4-168, 5-206.

BOWLING: Taylor 8-0-55-0; Capel 3-0-21-0; Kumble 8-1-33-0; Curran 8-0-41-2; Snape 5-0-31-1; Penberthy 8-0-68-2.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham c Brown b Pigott 18
D J Capel run out 39
K M Curran c Stewart b Butcher 33
*†A J Lamb b Pigott 48
T C Walton lbw b Benjamin 12
R J Bailey b Benjamin 2
†R J Warren not out 44
A L Penberthy c Stewart b Benjamin 15
J N Snape not out 17
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 4) 15
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs) 242

A Kumble and J P Taylor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-84, 3-84, 4-128, 5-136, 6-163, 7-202.

BOWLING: Benjamin 8-0-51-3, Pigott 8-0-31-2; Butcher 8-1-58-1; Nadeem Shahid 2-0-14-0; Hollioake 8-0-47-0; Kenlock 6-0-32-0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and K J Lyons

Durham v Warwickshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham won toss): Durham (4pts) beat Warwickshire by two runs

DURHAM

*M A Roseberry b Brown 14
W Larkins c Knight b Reeve 0
M Prabhakar c Piper b Small 32
J E Morris b Brown 18
J A Daley c and b Small 18
M Saxelby c Piper b Small 4
†D G C Ligertwood c Knight b P A Smith 0
J Boiling c Piper b Reeve 13
S J E Brown c Piper b Bell 4
A Walker not out 15
M M Betts not out 5
Extras (lb 5, w 18, nb 2) 26
Total (9 wkts, 38 overs) 132

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-25, 3-29, 4-71, 5-83, 6-85, 7-85, 8-82, 9-127.

BOWLING: Reeve 7-0-16-2; Brown 8-0-42-2; Small 8-2-23-3; P A Smith 8-1-13-1; Bell 4-0-20-1, Twose 3-0-13-0

WARWICKSHIRE

N V Knight c Ligertwood b Saxelby 44
N M K Smith b Prabhakar 9
A J Moles b Brown 11
R G Twose c Roseberry b Brown 0
*D A Reeve c Ligertwood b Betts 0
P A Smith c Boiling b Saxelby 15
T L Penney c Ligertwood b Saxelby 0
D R Brown c Ligertwood b Brown 20
†K J Piper c Larkins b Prabhakar 6
G C Small not out 7
M A V Bell not out 8
Extras (lb 2, w 8) 10
Total (9 wkts, 38 overs) 130

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-44, 3-44, 4-51, 5-81, 6-82, 7-97, 8-115, 9-117.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 8-1-26-2; Walker 8-0-38-0; Brown 8-1-26-3; Betts 8-0-22-1; Saxelby 6-0-18-3.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H Hampshire.

Hampshire v Kent

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Hampshire by 66 runs

KENT

T R Ward b Connor 10
*M R Benson run out 82
M J Walker c Aymes b Stephenson 15
P A de Silva c Aymes b Stephenson 3
G R Cowdrey not out 105
M V Fleming c Stephenson b Connor 16
M A Ealham not out 8
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 10, nb 10) 27
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs) 278

†S A Marsh, M J McCague, D W Headley and A P Igglesden did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-67, 3-80, 4-225, 5-242

BOWLING: Connor 8-0-43-2; Cowans 8-0-51-0; Udal 8-0-77-0; Stephenson 8-1-56-2; Streak 8-0-42-0.

HAMPSHIRE

*J P Stephenson c Cowdrey b McCague 37
R S M Morris run out 46
R A Smith b Headley 17
G W White b McCague 34
V P Terry lbw b Headley 4
P R Whitaker b Fleming 15
†A N Aymes not out 23
S D Udal not out 16
Extras (lb 9, w 10) 19
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs) 210

H H Streak, C A Connor and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-105, 3-116, 4-124, 5-146, 6-178

BOWLING: Igglesden 4-0-24-0; Ealham 8-0-27-0; McCague 8-0-41-2, Headley 8-0-34-2; de Silva 8-0-39-0; Fleming 5-0-29-1; Cowdrey 1-0-7-0.

Umpires: N T Plews and G Sharp

Leicestershire v Derbyshire

LEICESTER (Derbyshire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 29 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE

V J Wells c Krikken b Malcolm 50
*N E Briers b Malcolm 19
W J Cronje c Harris b Wells 32
J J Whitaker c Tweats b Harris 31
B F Smith lbw b Cork 7
P E Robinson c DeFreitas b Wells 3
D L Maddy c DeFreitas b Wells 20
†P A Nixon b Warner 28
G J Parsons not out 9
A R K Pierson c Krikken b Warner 1
A D Mullally c Cork b Warner 1
Extras (lb 4, lb 6, w 4, nb 4) 18
Total (39 overs) 217

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-80, 3-128, 4-145, 5-151, 6-158, 7-200, 8-204, 9-214.

BOWLING: Cork 8-1-41-1; DeFreitas 8-0-39-0; Warner 8-0-31-3; Malcolm 7-0-39-2; Harris 4-0-26-1; Wells 6-1-31-3.

DERBYSHIRE

D G Cork c Smith b Pierson 47
C J Adams c Nixon b Parsons 0
T J G O'Gorman c Nixon b Pierson 57
*†K J Barnett c Robinson b Cronje 7
P A J DeFreitas c Mullally b Pierson 10
C M Wells c Cronje b Pierson 13
A E Warner b Parsons 11
D E Malcolm b Pierson 0
†K M Krikken not out 14
T A Tweats not out 15
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 3, nb 6) 20
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 194

A J Harris did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-119, 3-119, 4-131, 5-138, 6-156, 7-156, 8-166

BOWLING: Parsons 8-3-23-2; Mullally 8-1-35-0; Wells 6-0-36-0, Cronje 8-0-38-1; Pierson 8-0-36-5; Maddy 2-0-15-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and V A Holder.

Middlesex v Lancashire

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Middlesex by eight wickets

MIDDLESEX

*M W Gatting c Crawley b Austin 23
J C Pooley c Atherton b Wasim 2
J D Carr c Crawley b Chapple 4
P N Weekes c Austin b Gallian 45
†K R Brown c Gallian b Watkinson 1
P Farbrace c Martin b Watkinson 1
M A Feltham c Yates b Martin 14
J E Emburey lbw b Martin 11
R L Johnson not out 18
A R C Fraser not out 7
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 11, nb 2) 24
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-27, 3-48, 4-63, 5-84, 6-95, 7-95, 8-120, 9-124.

BOWLING: Martin 8-0-25-2; Wasim Akram 8-0-29-1; Austin 8-2-24-1; Chapple 8-0-36-1; Watkinson 5-0-29-2; Gallian 3-0-11-2.

LANCASHIRE

M A Atherton lbw b Fraser 18
J E R Gallian not out 51
†J P Crawley c Pooley b Johnson 75
N H Fairbrother not out 7
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 2) 7
Total (2 wkts, 30.4 overs) 158

I D Austin, G D Lloyd, Wasim Akram, *M Watkinson, P J Martin, G Chapple and G Yates did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-142

BOWLING: Feltham 4-0-32-0, Fraser 6-2-13-1, Johnson 8-0-38-1; Emburey 5-0-30-0; Nash 6-0-33-0; Gatting 1.4-0-9-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and A A Jones

Yorkshire v Glamorgan

HEADINGLEY (Glamorgan won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by two runs

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas c Croft b Watkin 54
M P Vaughan c Hemp b Watkin 7
M G Bevan c and b Croft 15
C White c Metson b Dale 18
†R J Blakey st Metson b Dale 14
A P Grayson c Metson b Watkin 13
S Parker run out 13
D Gough c Hemp b Barwick 6
P J Hartley not out 3
R D Stemp b Lefebvre 0
M A Robinson lbw b Barwick 2
Extras (lb 8, w 4) 12
Total (39.4 overs) 157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-54, 3-90, 4-111, 5-125, 6-131, 7-146, 8-153, 9-153

BOWLING: Watkin 8-1-16-3; Lefebvre 8-0-30-1; Croft 8-0-30-1, Barwick 7.4-0-36-2; Dale 8-0-30-2; Cottey 2-0-7-0

GLAMORGAN

S P James st Blakey b Robinson 17
*H Morris b Grayson 39
M P Maynard c Parker b Stemp 5
P A Cottey b White 37
D L Hemp b Grayson 1
A Dale b Gough 48
R D B Croft b White 2
R P Lefebvre run out 1
†C P Metson not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 2) 5
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 155

S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-41, 3-60, 4-88, 5-122, 6-136, 7-153, 8-155

BOWLING: Gough 8-1-24-1, Hartley 7-3-17-0; Robinson 8-2-19-1; Stemp 8-0-40-1; Grayson 4-0-21-2; White 5-1-31-2.

Umpires: J W Holder and P Wiley

Sussex v Essex

HOVE (Essex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Sussex by 13 runs

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c Moores b Giddins 5
M E Waugh b Salisbury 21
N Hussain b Salisbury 48
G A Gooch b Jarvis 25
R C Irani b Jarvis 4
D D J Robinson c Salisbury b Stephenson 29
†R J Rollins b Jarvis 4
M C Ilott not out 56
P M Such run out 6
R M Pearson not out 4
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 7, nb 2) 14
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 217

D M Cousins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-39, 3-104, 4-113, 5-119, 6-134, 7-191, 8-208.

BOWLING: Giddins 8-0-48-1; Newell 3-0-15-0, Stephenson 8-1-46-1, Salisbury 8-0-47-2; Greenfield 1-0-5-0; Jarvis 8-0-31-3, North 4-0-22-0.

SUSSEX

C W J Athey c Robinson b Pearson 12
J W Hall lbw b Irani 47
J A North lbw b Irani 16
*†A P Wells c Waugh b Such 19
K Greenfield run out 32
F D Stephenson c Prichard b Such 6
†P Moores lbw b Such 1
K Newell c Robinson b Waugh 14
I D K Salisbury b Waugh 23
P W Jarvis not out 13
E S H Giddins not out 0
Extras (lb 5, w 16) 21
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-85, 3-92, 4-123, 5-139, 6-143, 7-150, 8-184, 9-204

BOWLING: Ilott 8-0-40-0; Cousins 8-0-29-0; Pearson 4-0-27-1; Such 8-1-41-3; Irani 8-0-29-2; Waugh 4-0-33-2

Umpires: J H Harris and T E Jesty

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	NR	Pts
Lancashire (4)	3	3	0	0	0	12
Kent (3)	3	3	0	0	0	12
Surrey (6)	3	3	0	0	0	12
Leics (10)	3	2	1	0	0	8
Worcs (2)	2	2	0	0	0	8
Glamorgan (7)	3	2	1	0	0	8
Yorkshire (5)	3	2	1	0	0	8
Durham (9)	3	1	2	0	0	4
Derbyshire (8)	3	1	2	0	0	4
Essex (17)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Notts (11)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Glouces (18)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Somerset (16)	2	1	1	0	0	4
Middlesex (14)	3	1	2	0	0	4
Hampshire (12)	2	0	2	0	0	0
Warwicks (1)	3	0	3	0	0	0
Sussex (15)	3	0	3	0	0	0
Northants (13)	3	0	3	0	0	0

(Last season's positions in brackets)



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Champions underline huge gap between themselves and rugby league also-rans

Premiership completes grand slam for Wigan

Leeds	12
Wigan	69

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT WAS all so devastatingly easy, highlighting the very reason Denis Betts and Phil Clarke are leaving Britain for the sort of challenge that Australasia can provide. Rugby league opponents here no longer seem capable of offering Wigan meaningful resistance.

As Wigan yesterday added the Premiership to the championship, Challenge Cup and Regal Trophy — thus completing the first grand slam of modern times — they merely underlined the helplessness felt in the game about their unparalleled dominance.

All that the Super League is likely to represent is another new piece of silverware to tuck into the Central Park cabinet. The gap now is greater than it has ever been, a fact confirmed by the way Wigan ran up the highest score in any final of a leading competition in the sport's history.

Records were rewritten during the 12-try spree. Kris Radlinski, 19, playing only because of the absence of Tuigamala, scored three tries, as did Gary Connolly, the first hat-tricks in a Premiership final. Frano Botica equalled his record of 20 points, achieved in the 1992 final, but his ten goals took him past his club record of 184, kicked in the 1992-93 season. Botica, along with Betts, is bound for Auckland Warriors this summer and there seems some doubt as to whether he will be returning.

It was 5.35pm, on the last day of the last conventional season, that Leeds' humiliation was completed. They had already finished second-best in the championship and Challenge Cup to a side overwhelmingly their superior.

After a week in which the double eluded Manchester United, Old Trafford instead reverberated to applause for Wigan's quadruple, albeit from a crowd limited to 30,000 by building work already under way. Wigan's demolition team ensured, within half an hour, that an eagerly awaited contest would be a dispiriting walk-over.

Remarkably, Offiah did not get in on the scoring, despite finishing the season with 53 tries, a record for the fifth time in eight years. In his first final, Radlinski finished as the youngest winner of the Harry Sunderland man-of-the-match trophy.

In the earliest stages, it was not so much a case of Leeds doing anything especially wrong, as Wigan getting everything brilliantly right. When Eyres replied to Radlinski's opening try, Leeds were level and the game competitive. But for precisely three minutes.

Wigan seemed to take the concession of a try as a spur for all-out attack. Tries were run in from all angles and distances. Robinson, Paul and Botica hurtled forward to initiate touchdowns as Leeds crumbled after Skerrett had rumbled across the line to cancel out Eyres' effort.

Faimalo kept running strongly for Leeds, yet support was lacking and all hope went when Innes knocked on, a mistake that yielded Radlinski's second try from a short pass by Edwards.

The Wigan scrum half bewitched, bothered and bewildered Holroyd, his opposite number, just as he did at Wembley, crowning his display with the 250th try of his 12-year career at the club. He had a hand in the second of two tries scored by Connolly in four minutes before half-time.

The second period saw no let up. Paul's dab through presented Radlinski with his third try; Betts celebrated his impending departure with one final score: Paul spun over and Connolly, Hall and Haughton completed the rout. Between Leeds' first try and their second, from Innes, Wigan rattled up 56 points. A watershed season had ended in predictable fashion.

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Eyres, Innes. Goals: Holroyd (2). Wigan: Tries: Radlinski (3), Connolly (3), Skerrett, Edwards, Betts, Paul, Hall, Haughton. Goals: Botica (10). Dropped goal: Farrell

LEEDS: A Tait, J Fallon, K Iro, P Hassan (sub M Vassilakopoulos, 40min), F Cummins, C Innes, G Holroyd, H Howard (sub N Harmon, 29), J Lowes, E Faimalo, G Mann, R Eyres, G Mercer.

WIGAN: H Paul, J Robinson, K Radlinski, G Connolly, M Offiah, F Botica, S Edwards, K Skerrett (sub: M Cassidy, 20), M Hall, N Cowie, D Betts, A Farrell (sub: S Haughton, 49), P Clarke

Referee: S Cummings.

The St Helens wing, Anthony Sullivan, has withdrawn from the Wales rugby league squad for next month's two-match tour of America to undergo a cartilage operation. Gavin Price-Jones, of Swinton, replaces him.

NEAL SIMPSON



Lowes, centre, found Botica and Betts forming an impenetrable barrier as he tried to launch an attack for Leeds in a one-sided final

Keighley survive bad start to grasp final opportunity

Huddersfield	6
Keighley Cougars	26

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE rugby league team with the wretched record of having never won a final broke its 94-year duck yesterday to win the second division premiership and a first double.

Keighley, perennial losers until winning the old third division in 1993, celebrated their second triumph in four weeks after lifting the second division championship. Although omitted from the Super League next year, they have been in a league of their own in the lower division this season.

They survived the scare of Huddersfield leading 6-0 for the opening half-hour, reviving memories of lost finals in 1937, 1943 and 1951, before they dispensed with nerves and piled up 26 points without reply.

Wood eased the fears of Keighley's fanatical following with an excellently worked try with Appleby. The loose forward continued to lead by example, as Huddersfield, who struggled with Hanger's obvious lack of fitness at stand-off half, were undone for pace and attacking intuition.

Two goals by Pearce and dropped goals by Kenny and Austin were a meagre return for Huddersfield's early pressure, a lead they surrendered when Irving converted Wood's try, the second of his four goals, and Ramshaw fired over the first of two towering dropped goals.

Five days after being named the second division player of the year, Pinkney showed his lethal finishing with his 46th try of the campaign. The England centre then set up Powell and in the opening ten minutes of the second half, Keighley were beyond catching.

Huddersfield found little momentum going forward and were again exposed in defence, when Eyres squeezed in at the right corner, before Ramshaw's second dropped goal completed the Cougars' excellent day out.

SCORERS: Huddersfield: Goals: Pearce (2). Dropped goals: Kenny, Austin. Keighley: Tries: Wood, Pinkney, Powell, Eyres. Goals: Irving (4). Dropped goals: Ramshaw (2).

HUDDERSFIELD: P Hellewell; B Barron, D Shelford, G Austin, S Reynolds; D Hanger, S Kenny; D King, L St Hilaire, A Pucill, B Richards (sub: G Coulter, 57min), G Senior (sub M Taylor, 46), G Pearce.

KEIGHLEY COUGARS: A Stoop; A Eyres, N Pinkney, S Irving, K Dixon, D Powell, D Appleby, B Hill (sub: S Tupaea, 3; D Larder, 67), J Ramshaw, I Gately, D Fleary, G Cochrane, M Wood.

Referee: R Smith.

☐ In the first of the day's three finals, the JJB Sports Academy Challenge Cup final for under-19 teams, St Helens proved too powerful for Wigan, winning 46-10. Andy Haigh, the St Helens centre, had an outstanding game, scoring three tries. Wigan had one of their forwards, Matthew Knowles, sent off.



Darren Fleary, of Keighley Cougars, steps out of a firm tackle by Huddersfield's Andy Pucill

Doohan's German jinx clears track for Beattie

BY A CORRESPONDENT

DARYL BEATTIE, of Australia, clinched his second victory of the season yesterday in the German 500cc motorcycling grand prix at the Nürburgring, as Michael Doohan, the world champion, crashed again while leading.

Beattie, on a Suzuki, led from the ninth lap and finished almost ten seconds ahead of Luca Cadalora, of Italy. The victory extended Beattie's lead in the championship to 29 points; with eight races to come, he has 99 while Doohan, his compatriot, has 70.

Alberto Puig, of Spain, who was fifth after a neck-and-neck battle with Alex Criville, another Spaniard, is third overall with 67 points.

Beattie took the lead from the start while Doohan, who had held his fourth consecutive pole position, had a relatively slow start on his Honda, but the champion battled past several riders in the early laps and then overtook Beattie on the fifth circuit to take the lead.

Doohan, however, never looked happy with his machine, which wobbled and weaved through corners. Then, he nearly lost control, which allowed Beattie to regain the lead.

Undaunted, Doohan caught Beattie again and overtook him on the seventh lap, but, two laps later, when he was being pressurised, his rear tyre slid away in a bend and he ploughed into the gravel. He got up apparently unhurt although obviously frustrated, and, from then, Beattie looked a certain winner.

Doohan fell spectacularly in the last race at Nürburgring, in 1990. Having crashed again in Spain a fortnight ago, he then tumbled in a practice session on Friday and said that he was unhappy with the grip of his tyres on the cool track.

Beattie, whose win was only the third of his career, said: "It's great to get a decent points lead; but it is way, way too early to talk about winning the championship. I was being extra careful not to let my tyres break away. I had to hang in there and concentrate on beating my own lap times to stay in the lead.

"When Mick came off, it obviously helped me. I think he hit a bump. I feel sorry for Mick but clearly, when the green light goes, its more or less war out there."

Cadalora was inches behind Shinichi Itoh, of Japan, for most of the race, but squeezed past him on the last lap to take second place for the second race in succession. Itoh's third place, on his Honda, was his best result of the season.

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Curling betters seasonal record

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

A HUGE crowd saw Polly Curling break Philip Scholfield's 1988 record of 37 point-to-point wins in a season when Cherrynut came home first in the ladies' open race at the **Bicester and Warden** point-to-point yesterday.

Going into the meeting she was still one behind after Saturday's sole winner at the **Dulverton West**, but equalled the record on her first ride, the 6-1 chance Clare De Lune, in the PPOA race.

To put the feat in context, only two other riders, John Bryan (32) and Robert Alner (31), have ridden more than 30 winners in a season. After the race Curling was presented with a magnum of champagne by the secretary of the meeting Theresa Ellwell.

In winning Saturday's PPO race at Bratton Down on Earl Boon she beat the leader for the men's title, Alastair Crow, into second place on Scally Muire. Crow, however, had earlier taken his total to 28 when Moss Castle got the better of the Ian Widdicombe-ridden Pere Bazille by a neck.

Jim Tarry edged closer to Crow yesterday when Fine Lace won the last of the Land Rover qualifiers and Lucky Christopher, the confined.

Only hands and heels were needed as both horses sprinted up the run-in but, more correctly, it should be hand and heels as Tarry is still nursing his broken thumb.

Damien Duggan kept his title chances alive with a double at the **Ystrad** on Royal Saxon in the open and Rocket Run in the confined. This was Rocket Run's eighth win of the season, two more than Handsome Harvey, the winner of the ladies' under Pip Jones.

The northern season came to an end at the **College Valley and North Northumberland** where Kevin Anderson was crowned the northern champion after Miss Enrico, in the open, provided him with his fifteenth success.

Pauline Robson captured the women's title with a season's total of ten, but her best on Saturday was only a second place on No Joker in the confined.

At the **Warwick** hunter chase meeting tonight, Bironi, unbeaten in his last three runs, and the lightly-raced Blue Cheek could dominate the opening event, the Grey Rick Maiden Chase.

Blue Cheek, never out of the first two in 11 races since 1992, has only run once this term when winning the Ladies' Open at Bitterley three weeks ago, but on this occasion may have to give second best to Bironi.

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Curling: fine feat

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

2.30 Bakers Daughter. 3.00 El Nido. 3.30 DANGEROUS GUEST (nap). 4.00 Double Point. 4.30 Moi Canard. 5.00 King Rambo.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.30 WOODLAND FILLIES' HANDICAP (£3,099: 1m 100yd) (13 runners)

1	3-36	LEGATEE 56 (B,F) B Meehan 4-10-0		B Doyle 8
2	-230	MAM'ZELLE ANGOT 52 (C,D,B,S) Miss J Craze 5-9-13		S Webster 7
3	3241	HEATHYARDS LADY 23 (C,D,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-4		T Ives 11
4	2-00	AYUNLI 15 S Williams 4-8-1		D Wright (3) 10
5	00-0	MY GALLERY 26 (S) A Bailey 4-8-13		G Carter 9
6	0-53	PACIFIC SPIRIT 18 M Tate 5-8-8		J Tate (3) 5
7	000-	GWERRYMYNYDD GLI (G) F Jordan 4-8-6		M Fenton 4
8	5232	FIABA 7 (D,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-6		Amanda Sanders (7) 3
9	1620	SAND STAR 9 (G) D Haydn Jones 3-8-5		A Mackay 2
10	-124	BAKERS DAUGHTER 75 (D,G) J Arnold 3-8-5		J Quinn 1
11	000-	SEX HILL 187 (C,G) D Haydn Jones 3-8-5		T Williams 13
12	0-00	MUTINOQUE 18 (S) B Pearce 4-8-3		G Duffield 6
13	00-0	ROSEVEAR 11 S Mellor 3-8-1		A McGlone 12

4-1 Fiaba, 9-2 Heathyards Lady, 5-1 Legatee, 6-1 Rosevear, Bakers Daughter, 7-1 Pacific Spirit, 12-1 Gwerrymynydd.

3.00 COPPICE CLAIMING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,519: 2m 46yd) (12)

1	313-	EHTEFAAL 35J (B,G) J White 4-9-1		G Duffield 4
2	1422	EL NIDO 21 (D,F,G,S) M Camacho 7-9-1		L Charnock 6
3	0/0	SAAHI 9J (G,S) C Weedon 5-8-13		R Painter (5) 10
4	6-30	MONEGHETTI 7 R Hollinshead 4-8-11		W Ryan 9
5	040-	CARFAX 25J R Hodgson 4-8-8		J Carroll 1
6	3-30	ACRON LINE 22J (C,D,F,G) D Barchell 10-8-7		A Mackay 11
7	3-45	DESERT PRESIDENT 49 R Hood 4-8-5		N Adams 5
8	-100	EPICA 23 (B,CD,G) A Bailey 4-8-3		F Norton 3
9	0-00	GUNMAKER 6J B Llewellyn 6-8-3		T Williams 2
10	05-0	LAABAS 9 (S) J Long 12-8-1		D Wright (3) 8
11	8/0-	CHASMARELLA 26TJ Mrs M Long 10-8-0		T Field (7) 12
12	30-0	FRUITFUL AFFAIR 42 (F) T Thomson Jones 6-7-12		J Quinn 7

6-4 Ehtefaal, 9-4 Saahi, 4-1 El Nido, 6-1 Epica, 20-1 Monegheti, Fruitful Affair, 25-1 Acrow Line, 50-1 others.

3.30 DAILY STAR TOP TIPSTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,692: 1m 1f 79yd) (7)

1	2265	HEATHYARDS ROCK 11 (C,G) R Hollinshead 9-7		T Ives 7
2	12-	DANGEROUS GUEST 325 (C,G) M Prescott 9-3		G Duffield 2
3	4200	KOMREYEV DANCER 11 (C,G) A Bailey 9-0		V Halliday (5) 1
4	2131	NIGEL'S LAD 17 (D,F,G) P Haslam 8-11		J Stack (5) 5
5	169	BARDON HILL BOY 12 (G) B Hanbury 8-5		J Tate (3) 8
6	20-6	HOTSPUR STREET 35 M Johnston 8-4		T Williams 4
7	0000	MEGA TID 2 (G) B Pearce 7-7		N Adams 3

5-2 Dangerous Guest, 3-1 Heathyards Rock, 4-1 Nigel's Lad, 5-1 Bardon Hill Boy, 6-1 Komreyev Dancer, 16-1 Hotspur Street, 40-1 Mega Tid.

4.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ASTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,935: 6f) (12)

1	0	BRIGANDINE 32 S Bowring 9-0		C Teague (5) 5
2	5	CINNAMON STICK 33 W Jarvis 9-0		A McGlone 2
3	3	COLOUR COUNSELLOR 9 K McAuliffe 9-0		J Tate (3) 10
4	30	DON'T FORGET MIKE 47 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0		G Carter 1
5	230	DOUBLE POINT 11 M Bell 9-0		M Fenton 4
6		MILETRIAN CITY J Berry 9-0		J Carroll 7
7	24	SCATHEBURY 14 S Woods 9-0		W Ryan 8
8	022	U-NO-HARRY 9 (B,BF) R Hollinshead 9-0		T Ives 12
9	4	CAPILANO PRINCESS 53 D Haydn Jones 8-9		A Mackay 5
10	2362	MISS OFFSET 7 M Johnston 8-9		T Williams 9
11		PULGA CIRCO B McMahon 8-9		F Norton 3
12	05	WINGNUT 14 G Lewis 8-9		S Whitworth 11

4-1 Double Point, 5-1 U-No-Harry, Miletrian City, 6-1 Colour Counsellor, 7-1 Don't Forget Mike, 12-1 Miss Offset, Scathebury, 14-1 others.

4.30 SPINNEY SELLING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £2,243: 6f) (6)

1	12	MOI CANARD 9 (BF,G) J Berry 9-2		J Carroll 1
2	0	IRON AND STEEL 59 (BF) G Lewis 8-11		S Whitworth 4
3	60	BRAES O'SHIELDHILL 18 A Bailey 8-6		G Carter 3
4	0	MAGIC BIRD 51 (B) J Spearing 8-6		G Hind 6
5	0	MELOS 35 R Thompson 8-6		T Williams 5
6	00	MERLIN'S HONOUR 31 P Haslam 8-6		J Stack (5) 2

4-7 Moi Canard, 4-1 Iron And Steel, 6-1 Braes O'Shieldhill, 8-1 Merlin's Honour, 25-1 Magic Bird, 50-1 Melos.

5.00 JOHNSON (CHOPWELL) HANDICAP (£3,159: 5f) (11)

1	000-	PURPLE FLING 196 (F,G) M Prescott 4-10-0		G Duffield 5
2	3201	SING WITH THE BAND 11 (D,G) B McMahon 4-9-8		F Norton 1
3	3602	KING RAMBO 14 (D,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-5		W Ryan 7
4	0-00	LLOC 28 (D,S) John Berry 3-8-8		C Dwyer 11
5	0005	THE INSTITUTE BOY 10 (V,D,G) Miss J Craze 5-8-7		S Webster 10
6	40-0	STATOMIST 28 G Fierro 3-8-7		J Carroll 3
7	3401	THE REAL WHIZZBANG 18 (B,CD,G) P Felgate 4-8-5		P McCabe (5) 5
8	3506	FARNDALE 11 (CD,G) R Thompson 8-8-3		T Williams 9
9	43-5	MIAMI BANKER 18 (B,D,G,S) W Muir 9-7-12		N Adams 2
10	-065	GATE OF HEAVEN 9 John Berry 5-7-7		J Quinn 4
11	0-00	OUR MICA 39 (D,G,S) L Barratt 5-7-7		A Mackay 8

7-2 King Rambo, 4-1 The Real Whizzbang, 9-2 Sing With The Band, 6-1 The Institute Boy, 7-1 Miami Banker, 8-1 Gate Of Heaven, Lloc, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Bell, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; G Lewis, 6 from 21, 28.6%; M Prescott, 10 from 37, 27.0%; M Johnston, 21 from 78, 26.9%; P S Felgate, 4 from 18, 22.2%; P Haslam, 19 from 86, 22.1%.

JOCKEYS: T Ives, 17 winners from 75 rides, 22.7%; F Norton, 4 from 18, 22.2%; G Duffield, 11 from 60, 18.3%; G Hind, 3 from 17, 17.6%; Amanda Sanders, 3 from 18, 16.7%; G Carter, 12 from 75, 16.0%.

WARWICK

THUNDERER: 6.15 Blue Cheek. 6.45 Sams Heritage. 7.15 Rusty Bridge. 7.45 Teaplanter. 8.15 Great Gusto. 8.45 Final Pride.

BRIAN BEEL: 6.15 Bironi. 6.45 Sams Heritage. 7.15 Rusty Bridge. 7.45 Teaplanter. 8.15 Great Gusto. 8.45 Final Pride.

GOING: GOOD SIS

6.15 GREY RICK MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,695: 2m 4f 110yd) (16 runners)

1	UF12	ANJUBI 9F (F,S) Miss M Bragg 10-12-0		J Creighton (7)
2	P133	BECTIVE BOY 30 (F,S) Mrs D Bockett 13-12-0		M Batters (7)
3	F111	BIRONI 23P (F,G,S) H Laws 6-12-0		J Jukes (7)
4	12-1	BLUE CHEEK 22P (F,G,S) J Mahon 9-12-0		N Bradley (7)
5	6322	CAUSEWAY CRUISER 14P (G,S) J Trudwell 9-12-0		R Lawther (7)
6	5P20	FAMILIAR FRIEND 14P (B,S) S Gilmore 9-12-0		L Lay (7)
7	/F2P	MOORSIDE LAD 23P (F) Miss A Green 8-12-0		S Brookshaw (5)
8	US12	OSGATHORPE 10 (F,G) R Tate 8-12-0		Mrs F Needham (7)
9	PPFU	POLLY'S CLOWN 14P (B) Miss Carol Richardson 8-12-0		C Mulhall (7)
10	4F23	SEAL KING 6 (G,S) Lee Bowles 10-12-0		R Johnson (7)
11	6121	TURNUT GEORGE 14P (F,G,S) Mrs P Grainger 8-12-0		A Phillips (7)
12	0-05	WAAZA 14P (F) Peter Roberts 6-12-0		B Pollock (7)
13	3103	WILDNITE 14 (F,G) Miss L Robbins 11-12-0		T Jackson (7)
14	-6P0	RIVER STREAM 23P Ms D Cole 8-11-9		N Harris (7)
15	P6FP	STOUR VALLEY GYPSY 43P J Dufosee 7-11-9		Major G Wheeler (7)
16	5FP1	TUGRA 8P (F,G) David F Smith 7-11-9		N F Smith (7)

11-4 Bironi, 3-1 Blue Cheek, 5-1 Bective Boy, 7-1 Causeway Cruiser, Osgathorpe, 12-1 Seal King, 14-1 others.

6.45 COLIN NASH MEMORIAL UNITED HUNTS' CHALLENGE CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,253: 3m 2f) (12)

1	-121	BEECH GROVE 22P (F,G,S) Miss C Gordon 14-12-3		M Fellows (5)
2	P312	DAMERS TREASURE 9P (F,G) B Summers 9-12-3		A Sansome (7)
3	3501	HIGHWAY FIVE 5 (G) Lady Susan Brooke 7-12-3		Miss E James (7)
—	314P	HILLS LITTLE ONE 26P (F,G) C Hitchings 10-12-3		J M Pritchard (7)
5	2F1U	HIZAL 4 (F) H Manners 6-12-3		A Charles-Jones (7)
6	2212	MY MELLOW MAN 9P (B,F,G,S) W Gooden 12-12-3		Miss S Vickery (7)
7	4FR1	PROFESSOR LONGHAIR 9P (F) Mrs C Hicks 8-12-3		R Hicks (7)
8	35-3	SAMS HERITAGE 19 (D,F,G,S) P Warner 11-12-3		M Jackson (7)
9	6841	TAP DANCING 30P (G,S) J Allen 9-12-3		N Bradley (7)
10	65P2	THE PHOENIO 26P N Jones 9-12-3		K Cousins (7)
11	2461	CARLY'S CASTLE 14P (F,G,S) Miss P Whittle 9-11-12		P Hanly (7)
12	2P4F	LADY LLANFAIR 16P (F,S) W Oates 9-11-12		Miss P Jones (5)

5-4 Sams Heritage, 7-2 Beech Grove, 12-1 Carly's Castle, 14-1 others.

7.15 WALTON WOOD HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,957: 4m 1f 110yd) (13) SKY

1	100P	ABBOTSHAM 3 (F,G,S) O Carter 10-12-7		M Rimell (5)
2	4331	RUSTY BRIDGE 10 (F,S) Mrs S Johnson 8-12-3		R Johnson (7)
3	-123	BIT OF A CLOWN 7 (F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 12-12-0		T Byrne (5)
4	2P24	BRONZE EPRISY 9P (V,F,G,S) W Pugh 13-12-0		W Pugh (7)
5	4222	BUCHARROTI 23P (G,S) Mrs D Bucket 8-12-0		M Batters (7)
6	UP21	COT LANE 12 (B,F,S) J Walmsley 10-12-0		R Walmsley (7)
7	P346	MANHATTAN CHASE 23P (S) Miss Nell Courtenay 12-12-0		R Wakeham (7)
8	02U2	MENDIP MUSIC 30P (F,S) Mrs Gillian Lane 11-12-0		R Treloggen (3)
9	1F22	MYLIEGE 30P (G,S) Mrs Sarah Weatherstan 11-12-0		W Harris (7)
10	3P10	SPACE MARINER 12 (F,S) Miss P Whittle 9-12-0		P Hanly (7)
11	P535	URQUHART 55 (B,F) D Williams 8-12-0		Michael Treacy (5)
12	F-U0	WONT BE GONE LONG 45 (F,G) R Waley-Cohen 13-12-0		Miss A Plunkett (7)
13	2254	WREKIN HILL 10 (G,S) Mrs J Wilkinson 13-12-0		Mrs J Wilkinson (7)

7-2 Rusty Bridge, 4-1 Cot Lane, Wont Be Gone Long, 7-1 Bit Of A Clown, 12-1 Urquhart, 16-1 Abbotsham, 20-1 others.

7.45 POINT TO POINT OWNERS & RIDERS ASSOCIATION AND DODSON & HORRELL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £4,241: 3m 2f) (10) SKY

1	1-51	ON THE OTHER HAND 32 (F,G,S) G Richards 12-12-6		Capt A Ogden
2	3P31	THE BLUE BOY 3 (B,F,G,S) P Bowen 7-12-6		D Duggan
3	3131	THE MALAKARMA 12 (D,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 9-12-6		T Byrne
4	-321	BLAKES ORPHAN 14 (F,G,S) T Illsley 9-12-3		T Illsley
5	1211	MR MURDOCK 14P (F,G,S) H Wallstead 10-12-3		P Henley
6	-12U	TEAPLANTER 67 (C,D,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 12-12-3		Mr B Pollock
7	2452	LOUGHLINSTOWN BOY 20 (F,G) J Riddell 10-12-0		A Mowers
8	2P2P	SKERRY MEADOW 12 (D,F,S) D Carter 11-12-0		J Jukes
9	P103	COVERDALE LANE 17 (B,S) Miss Carol Richardson 8-11-12		P Murray
10	-U12	NO FIZZ 82 (D,F,G,S) Mrs D Grassell 9-11-12		P Hacking

5-2 Teaplanter, 4-1 The Malakarma, 11-2 The Blue Boy, 13-2 Mr Murdock, 7-1 On The Other Hand, 8-1 No Fizz, 10-1 Blakes Orphan, 25-1 Bar.

8.15 KEYLINE BUILDERS MERCHANTS HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: 2m 4f 110yd) (15) SKY

1	F-FO	HONEST WORD 12 (CD,G,S) S Brookshaw 10-12-7		Mr R Ford (7)
2	1214	SIMPLE PLEASURE 8P (D,F,G,S) C Hitchings 10-12-7		J M Pritchard (7)
3	1U11	ANDRELOT 16 (B,F,G) S Douch 8-12-3		J Jukes (7)
4	2R20	BEE GARDEN 8P (B,C,D,G,S) M Ashton 14-12-0		D Ingle (7)
5	0P-P	BEE-KAY-ESS 13 R Savory 12-12-0		Richard White (7)
6	U334	CAPTAIN MOR 24 (D,F,G,S) Mrs Corrina Hirst 13-12-0		G Hanmer (7)
7	/411	GREAT GUSTO 24 (D,F) Miss L Blackburn 9-12-0		Miss L Blackford (7)
8	62P3	GREAT POKEY 14 (F) Miss Neil Courtenay 10-12-0		D Alers-Hankey (7)
9	F1/0	LODDON LAD 12 (D,G,S) R Smith 13-12-0		S Joynes (7)
10	PPP2	MAGNOLIA EXPRESS 14P Mark Dent 11-12-0		E Williams (7)
11	3324	PUNCHING GLORY 8P (F,S) Mrs Susan Nock 11-12-0		E James (7)
12	1242	SOLAR CLOUD 8P (CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Charles 13-12-0		M Harris (7)
13	0P3U	WHATEVER YOU LIKE 23P (C,G,S) Mrs Sally Mullins 11-12-0		Capt T Ridgway (7)
14	4UP2	WRECKLESS MAN 19 (B,F,G,S) Victor Dartnall 8-12-0		G Maundrell (7)
15	2/P4	GUILD STREET 14P (D,F,G,S) Peter Roberts 10-11-9		Miss T Spearing (7)

5-4 Great Gusto, 3-1 Wreckless Man, 4-1 Andrelot, 8-1 Honest Word, 14-1 Great Pokey, 20-1 others.

8.45 TALLY HO HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,627: 2m) (16) SKY

1	P645	ARCTIC LINE 14P (G) S Green 7-12-6		L Lay (7)
2	4P10	BILLHEAD 12 (G) S Kitching 9-12-6		R Armson (7)
3	56P4	BROWN SAUCE 24 (F) J de Giles 9-12-6		L Baker (7)
4	R044	CARDAN 6 A Sneddon 9-12-6		M Rimell (5)
5	FP53	COLTRANE 9P Lee Bowles 7-12-6		R Johnson (7)
6	-1PP	EVERSO IRISH 12 (F) M Clarke 8-12-6		B Pollock (7)
7	-P11	FOUR RIVERS 9P (F,G) Mrs L Redman 10-12-6		R Lawther (7)
8	P1P0	HIGH DEGREE 24 (G) M Bird 7-12-6		G Barlow-Saunt (7)
9	2114	KUMASA 12 (F) Miss Lisa Llewellyn 8-12-6		V Hughes (7)
10	-PPP	MURRAY 16P (F,G) Ms D Cole 12-12-6		N Harris (7)
11	P1-P	ROGEVIC BELLE 9 (G) Mrs S Stratford 7-12-6		G Brown (7)
12	4PP6	SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 24 (B,F,S) A Thomas 12-12-6		P Hanly (7)
13	-333	THE COMMUNICATOR 24 (B,S) J Peacock 9-12-6		C Vigors (7)
14	UPCU	VIRGINIA'S BAY 14P (F) John Prangley 9-12-6		Miss S Prangley (7)
15	2221	RIVAL PRIDE 12 (F,G,S) P Bowen 9-12-5		E Williams (7)
16	F322	FOOLISH SOPRANO 14P Mrs G Mackay 9-12-1		Miss S Duckett (7)

1-2 Final Pride, 7-1 Numada, 10-1 Collrane, 12-1 Four Rivers, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: No qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: Mr R Treloggen, 4 winners from 4 rides, 100%; Mr M Rimell, 3 born 6, 50.0%. Only qualifiers.

Harrison receives seven-day ban

DAVID HARRISON was banned for seven days (May 29 to June 5) by the Lingfield stewards on Saturday for irresponsible riding on Apollono in the Oastwell Wines Handicap.

Apollono beat Dancing Heart by a head with Wandering Minstrel 1½ lengths back in third. But the stewards found that Apollono and Harrison had interfered with Wandering Minstrel a furlong and a half from home.

Dancing Heart, ridden by Brett Doyle, was promoted to first place, Wandering Minstrel to second, with Apollono relegated to third.

Alan Daly was banned for two days (May 29 and 30) for improper riding on Mister Raiderin the Gin and Tonic Selling Handicap Stakes. Yesterday, Darryll Holland was banned for two days (May 30 and 31) for using his whip with unreasonable frequency aboard Thaljanah, the winner of the Middleham Trainers Association Handicap at Ripon.

☐ The André Fabre-trained Muncie, ridden by Olivier Peslier, beat Marble Falls by four lengths in the group one Prix Saint-Alary at Longchamp yesterday.



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Swinburn steals show on Soviet Line

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

FOR artistes, timing is everything whether they be Elaine Paige, members of the cast from *Cats* and *Starlight Express*, skydivers, jugglers — or Walter Swinburn. In big races Swinburn is the coolest and, for my money, the best jockey around. Yesterday, he showed the stars from theatreland, who flocked to Newbury for the racecourse's first Sunday meeting, a thing or two about split-second judgment as he gave Soviet Line a peach of a ride to win the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes.

The big question mark before the start of the day's feature race was how would it unfold. Given the small field and absence of a front-runner among the five horses, there was a danger of a falsely-run race, ending with a sprint to the line and a shock result.

Sure enough, when the stalls opened no jockey appeared keen to take the lead. In a trice, Swinburn summed up the situation and nudged the Maktoum Al-Maktoum-owned gelding past his four rivals and, just as importantly, towards the far rail to prevent him veering to the left as he has in the past. From there, Swinburn rode the most beautiful race, waiting in front then gradually quickening the tempo before kicking for home two furlongs out.

Fast finishers like Young Ern and Missed Flight, for whom the ground was a shade too fast, were left for dead and at the line Swinburn and the 2-1 favourite had two lengths to spare.

"I was well aware there might not be any pace," Swinburn said. "He's an extraordinary character in the sense that if he runs on the sharpest right-hand track he won't hang, but put him on a straight track and he hangs badly to the left, so I was keen to get the rail."

While Swinburn deservedly earned the plaudits for a first-class piece of riding, Michael Stoute was quick to praise one of the back room staff at his Newmarket yard. "Sheena Dunlop, who rides him out at home, has made Soviet Line because he used to be a bit buzzy and a bit keen. We don't let the jockey near him at home and keep him fresh for race days."

Soviet Line is likely to go for the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot. Interestingly, given the early pace shown by the five year-old yesterday, he is also entered for the July Cup at Newmarket. "I think he would win at six furlongs," Swinburn told Maktoum Al-Maktoum in the winner's enclosure.

Almost 9,000 people paid to attend Newbury's first Sunday race meeting — 50 per cent more than saw Celtic Swing on Greenham Stakes Day — and the effort made by the Berkshire track in conjunction with Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful group to provide a variety of entertainment for a crowd which included 1,500 children was a model for other courses to follow.

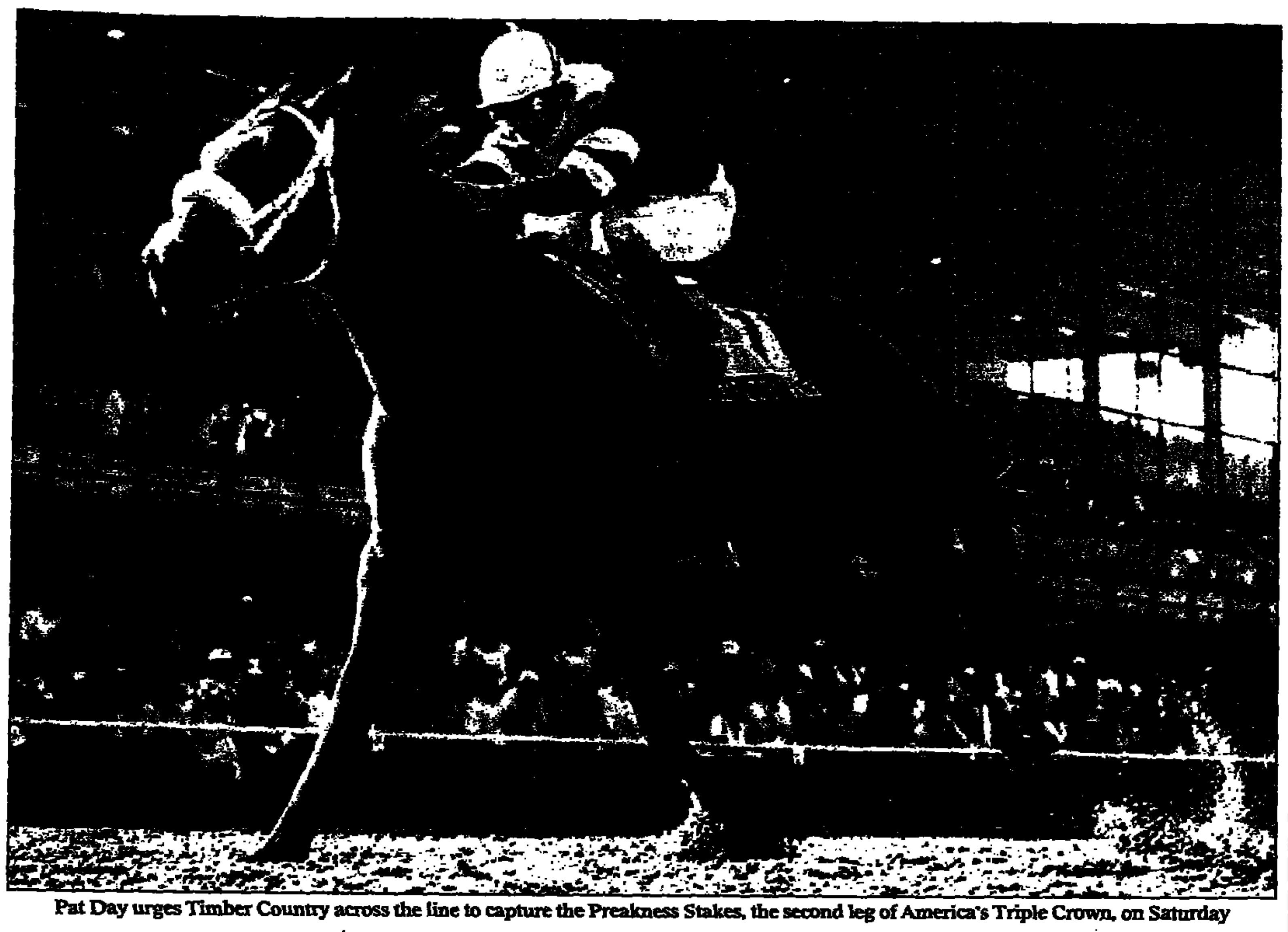
As spectators, especially those attending a race meeting for the first time, made their way home last night there was only one concern. With six of the seven races having been won by favourites, punters might be lulled into believing that betting successfully on horses is really rather easy. They'll learn.

The Lady Herries-trained Zajko set the ball rolling in the 25-runner Mail On Sunday Mile when obliging at 11-2 and could now go for the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot.

The Peter Chapple-Hyam trained Russian Revival was sent off a heavily backed 6-5 favourite for the Watership Down Stud Maiden, a race won by the Manton yard in 1992 by the subsequent Derby winner, Dr Devious, and although he only won by a whisker his next stop could be Royal Ascot. "He'll come on a stone for that," Robert Sangster commented.

Royal Ascot also beckons for Inzar after winning the Cats Conditions Stakes and Holtye, who landed the gamble of the day when taking the Sunsilk Boulevard handicap.

Great Inquest's 14-1 starting price in the Starlight Maiden Stakes gave bookmakers some respite.



Pat Day urges Timber Country across the line to capture the Preakness Stakes, the second leg of America's Triple Crown, on Saturday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: OGGI
(3.45 Bath)

Next best: Jalfrezi
(2.15 Bath)

Spectrum 3-1 for Derby after fluent success

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

SPECTRUM breathed new life into the Derby market with an impressive success in yesterday's First National Building Society Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh and is now as low as 3-1 for Epsom.

Despite an unsuitably slow early gallop, the Peter Chapple Hyam-trained colt travelled easily through the race and quickened two furlongs out to beat Adjareli by a length with the favourite, Bahri, a short head back in third place.

"If he gets the trip at Epsom nothing will beat him," the winning jockey, John Reid, said. Simon Weinstock, son of owner Lord Weinstock, expressed possible doubts about Spectrum's stamina but Chapple-Hyam, winning his third Irish Guineas in four years after Rodrigo De Triano and Turtle Island, had no reservations.

"He will get a mile and a half. He is as good as both my previous winners and has so much class. I love Pennekamp but I've always said this horse is the tops and I'd like to take on the other tops with him," the Manton trainer said.

Yesterday's performance had Epsom potential written all over it as Reid emphasised: "We went very slowly early on, I was going to cover him up but I pulled him out to avoid the trouble and we travelled so well through the race."

Bahri, third in the Newmarket Guineas, pulled hard early on and looked to be in trouble three furlongs out. However, Willie Carson's mount stayed on well through the final furlong, leaving Carson and John Dunlop bemoaning the slow early gallop. "It was a muddling race and Willie and I feel he ought to have gone on earlier. He never had a real run at them," Dunlop said.

The other British-trained horses, Prince Arthur and Nwaamis, finished fifth and seventh respectively, but the surprise of the race was the Aga Khan's locally-trained Adjareli who will now be aimed at Royal Ascot's St James's Palace Stakes.

However, the Derby holds centre stage before that. A race that had looked a possible two-horse event between Pennekamp and Celtic Swing has been opened up.

A decision on Celtic Swing's participation at Epsom will be made on June 1 and Pennekamp is now out to 6-4 with Ladbrokes. "I was impressed with Spectrum. He travelled so well through today's race", said Ladbrokes' spokesman, Mike Dillon, who has made Spectrum 3-1 for the Derby.

There was a British clean sweep in the group two Tattersalls Gold Cup with Prince Of Andros, trained by David Loder, beating Just Happy by a short head with Environment Friend a length back in third.

Michael Kinane came from last on Prince Of Andros to lead close home and Loder said: "We would like to go for the Eclipse with him but the ground would have to be soft."

Kinane had earlier won the group three Greenlands Stakes on the favourite, Nautical Pet, who is now a likely runner in Royal Ascot's Jersey Stakes. Loveyoumillions finished fourth in the race for Mark Johnston, with compatriot Alzianah back in fifth.

Timber Country topples rivals

TIMBER COUNTRY held off Oliver's Twist and the Kentucky Derby winner, Thunder Gulch, at Pimlico on Saturday to capture the £286,000 Preakness Stakes, the second leg of the Triple Crown.

The Wayne Lukas-trained colt passed the post half a length in front of Oliver's Twist, with Thunder Gulch — also trained by Lukas — threequarters of a length third. The winner was sent off the 9-5 favourite. Tejano Run, second in the Kentucky Derby, finished ninth after breaking a blood vessel.

It was the fourth consecutive victory in Triple Crown races for Lukas and the fourth overall and second successive Preakness victory for Lukas and jockey Pat Day, who won last year with Tabasco Cat.

Lukas said a sharper training schedule since the Kentucky Derby — where he finished third to Thunder Gulch — and a stronger ride by Day gave Timber Country a final push in the stretch. "I told Pat to be more aggressive," Lukas said. Day came under fire for his riding in the Kentucky Derby and said: "This silences some of the criticism."

Lukas said both Timber Country and Thunder Gulch will enter the Belmont Stakes on June 10.

Big-race details

PREAKNESS STAKES (Grade 1): £286,417: 3-Y-O: 1m 1f 110y (dirt) Timber Country (P Day), 1; Oliver's Twist (A Delgado), 2; Thunder Gulch (G Stevens) 3, Star Standard (C McCarron) 4. 11 ran. ½l, nk, 4l. 1m 54.4s. Trained D Wayne Lukas. PARI-MUTUEL (including $2 stake) 5.80 places (1-2) 4.20, 16.80; Show (1-2-3) 2.80, 6.40, 3.60. SF 266.00.

Bath

THUNDERER

2.15 Jalfrezi
2.45 Ice Pick
3.15 Typhoon Eight
3.45 Oggi
4.15 Unchartered Waters
4.45 Saatchmo
5.15 Legendary Leap

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.45 Portelet.

Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 TYPHOON EIGHT.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F 11YD-1M 5YD, LOW NUMBERS SLIGHTLY FAVOURED

2.15 TIMEFORM DAY AT BATH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,968: 1m 5yd) (13 runners)

101	(3)	008-0	ACE CHAPEL 17 (P Jacobs) C Elsey 9-0	D Harrison	64
102	(12)	3	ANONYM 18 (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	88
103	(9)	0-4	BEST OF BOLD 18 (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 9-0	J Reid	90
104	(13)		COASTGUARDS HAVEN (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 9-0	C Rutter	–
105	(7)	0-02	NORFOLK GLORY 48 (Lady D Watts) D Murray Smith 9-0	R Cochrane	–
106	(8)	0	VAPORIZE 15 (Miss M Blayney) D Hyde 9-0	W Newnes	–
107	(10)	0	FLAMMANT ROSE 9 (M Meade) M Meade 8-9	V Slattery	76
108	(2)		GLORIOUS BID (Ladywood Racing Club) Martyn Meade 8-9	C Tinel (7)	–
109	(11)	2	JALFREZI 9 (Hamthor Ltd (The Rennerdale Trust)) J Toller 8-9	J Weaver	[illegible]
110	(5)	60-0	MISS LAUGHTER 35 (Miss J Wilkinson) J Hills 8-9	M Henry (7)	75
111	(1)	53	SELF RELIANCE 26 (BF) (Mrs R Pilkington) M Bell 8-9	M Hills	83
112	(4)		WILD RITA (T Brady) W Muir 8-9	T Quinn	–
113	(6)	544-0	WYCHWOOD-PALACE 17 (R Coombes) H Collingridge 8-9	M Rimmer	72

BETTING: 11-4 Anonym, 3-1 Jalfrezi, 7-2 Best Of Bold, 8-1 Self Reliance, 10-1 Miss Laughter, 16-1 Wychwood-Palace, Wild Rita, 20-1 others.

1994: PORTE BELLOCH 8-9 R Perham (66-1) C Nash 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

ACE CHAPEL 18l 8th of 11 to Volla Premiere in a maiden at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good to firm), with WYCHWOOD-PALACE tailed off last. ANONYM 2½l and a neck 3rd of 11 to Yam in a maiden at Salisbury (1m, good to firm), with BEST OF BOLD ½l 4th.
NORFOLK GLORY 28l 8th of 10 to Cloette in a maiden auction at Southwell (AW, 7f). JALFREZI head 2nd of 12 to Cap And Gown in a maiden over course and distance (firm), with FLAMMANT ROSE about 14l 7th. MISS LAUGHTER 18l 8th of 10 to Coastal Bluff in a maiden auction at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). SELF RELIANCE 5½l 3rd of 6 to Mixed Mood in a maiden auction at Southwell (AW, 6f).
Selection: ANONYM

2.45 TIMEFORM CARD JUVENILE CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,677: 5f 11yd) (6 runners)

201	(4)	421	TADEO 10 (D,F) (J Good) M Channon 9-1	R Hughes	91
202	(6)	51	EASTERN PROPHETS 14 (D,F) (Mrs J Parches) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	90
203	(2)	2	ICE PICK 7 (Noodles Racing) R Hannon 8-11	Pat Eddery	96
204	(3)	0	MEMBERS WELCOME 9 (Avon Racing Club) P Murphy 8-11	R Waterfield (7)	–
205	(5)	1	POLLY GOLIGHTLY 20 (CD,G) (D Sykes) B Smart 8-10	S Sanders (3)	[illegible]
206	(1)		TIN MAN (A Robinson) B McMahon 8-8	T Quinn	–

BETTING: 2-1 Ice Pick, 9-4 Eastern Prophets, 11-4 Tadeo, 6-1 Polly Golightly, 20-1 Members Welcome, Tin Man.

1994: WILLRACK FARRIER 8-6 J Carroll (11-4 jt-fav) J Berry 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TADEO beat Evening Chime 1¾l in a 4-runner maiden at Carlisle (5f, firm). EASTERN PROPHETS beat Erupt a neck in a 12-runner auction maiden at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). ICE PICK neck 2nd of 5 to Whicksey Perry in a conditions race at Windsor (5f, good to firm). MEMBERS WELCOME 19l 11th of 12 to Sonic Mail in an auction maiden over course and distance (firm). POLLY GOLIGHTLY beat Eights High head in a 7-runner auction maiden over course and distance (good).
TIN MAN (foaled Apr 3). Second foal by Tina's Pet. Dam poor maiden hurdler.
Selection: ICE PICK (nap)

3.15 TIMEFORM SILVER TANKARD MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,106: 1m 2f 46yd) (17 runners)

301	(10)	00-	PERFECT ENDING 349 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-12	D Harrison	60
302	(8)	045/0-5	PERSIAN SAINT 23 (Whitcombe Manor Racing) D Elsworth 4-9-12	J Williams	80
303	(14)	2-00	TRAPEZE 9 (B) (M Long) C Popham 4-9-12	J Reid	66
304	(16)	0	RUBADUB 14 (The Tote End Racing Club) J Bradley 4-9-7	S Drowne (5)	–
305	(9)	0-	SURE CARE 244 (C Egerton) C Egerton 4-9-7	A Procter (5)	–
306	(13)	00	BACKVIEW 20 (E O'Malley) B Llewellyn 3-8-11	R Price	74
307	(6)	00-	COMMANDER GLEN 210 (Ladywood Racing) M Meade 3-8-11	V Slattery	55
308	(11)		EASY LISTENING (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-8-11	Pat Eddery	–
309	(7)	6	FABILLION 80 (B Horton) C Smith 3-8-11	A Garth (3)	–
310	(4)	363-445	FROME LAD 14 (C Lowe) W Turner 3-8-11	T Sprake	83
311	(15)	0-	PADDY'S RETURN 232 (P O'Donnell) F Murphy 3-8-11	R Cochrane	–
312	(17)	00	PEATSVILLE 3 (P Taplin) M Channon 3-8-11	R Hughes	–
313	(12)	00	SHEPHERDS REST 7 (The Odd Dozen) S Mellor 3-8-11	A Daly (7)	–
314	(5)	06-0	TYPHOON EIGHT 31 (M Shu) B Hills 3-8-11	M Hills	[illegible]
315	(3)	0	WESTERN COUNTRY 14 (B Asmonde) S Mellor 3-8-11	Paul Eddery	–
316	(1)		ZERO (M Lawrence) P Evans 3-8-11	W Newnes	–
317	(2)	00-	ADJACENT TOO 156 (The Melting Pot Partnership) C C Elsey 3-8-6	C Rutter	–

BETTING: 9-4 Typhoon Eight, 3-1 Easy Listening, 7-1 Persian Saint, 10-1 Sure Care, 16-1 Peatsville, Perfect Ending, 20-1 others.

1994: POMORIE 3-8-6 J Reid (7-4 fav) R Charlton 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

PERFECT ENDING 20l last of 7 to Daronne in a conditions race at Salisbury (1m 6f, good). PERSIAN SAINT about 3l 5th of 12 to Godwin in a maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm), with SHEPHERDS REST (5lb worse off) about 18l 12th. TRAPEZE's best effort came when a neck 2nd of 10 to Glorious Fun in a maiden at Longchamp (1m 3f, good to firm) in April 1994. RUBADUB 13l last of 7 to Jam N Shadeed in a maiden at Warwick (1m, firm). BACKVIEW 8l 7th of 14 to Endowment in a maiden over course and distance (good). PADDY'S RETURN 9l 7th of 12 to Rill The Bill in a maiden at Tipperary (7f, 7f, heavy). TYPHOON EIGHT 14l 9th of 15 to Tamure in a maiden at Newbury (1m 3f, good to firm) with PEATSVILLE 30l 15th. Previously about 6½l 6th of 10 to Painter's Row in the group III Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to soft) last season.
Selection: PERSIAN SAINT

3.45 TIMEFORM RACEVIEW HANDICAP (£3,383: 5f 161yd) (14 runners)

401	(11)	461000-	DRY POINT 238 (D,F,G) (Lady S Morrison) J Toller 9-10-0	W Newnes	92
402	(7)	01/5-002	OGGI 18 (D,G) (Skyline Racing Ltd) P Makin 4-9-5	J Weaver	97
403	(10)	4530-00	TINKER OSMASTON 10 (F) (Mrs D Sanders) M Saunders 4-9-4	J Williams	97
404	(13)	01080-0	SEASIDE MINSTREL 9 (B,C,F,G,S) (W Clifford) D Williams 7-9-2	D Griffiths (5)	94
405	(6)	1/4000-0	CERTIFICATE-X 2 (D,F,S) (M Meade) M Meade 4-9-0	V Slattery	–
406	(14)	06060-0	MANOR ADVENTURE 23 (G) (Mrs J Martin) P Dalton 5-8-13	R Cochrane	98
407	(12)	1224-50	RUNS IN THE FAMILY 20 (B,D,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 3-8-10	D Harrison	98
408	(3)	11330-9	LEGUARD EXPRESS 25 (B,F) (J Gilbert) D O'Neill 7-8-9	S Drowne (5)	89
409	(4)	16240-4	CEDAR GIRL 11 (D,F) (R Hodges) R Hodges 3-8-2	Jo Hannam (7)	89
410	(2)	96963-0	LORINS GOLD 10 (B) (Mrs M Taylor) A Tassell 5-7-8	A Tucker	[illegible]
411	(8)	6600-46	ABSOLUTELY FABULUS 17 (Mrs M Oldam) J Spearing 3-7-9	W Carson	90
412	(9)	00-0626	GRAND TIME 26 (B,BF,F,G,S) (C J Hill) C Hill 6-7-7	M Baird (5)	98
413	(1)	2-14235	HALF TONE 10 (B,G) (Mrs G Tennessman) R Flower 3-7-7	S Lanigan (7)	96
414	(5)	046060	HAVANA MISS 63 (V,D,S) (Mrs L Hedland) B Palling 3-7-7	A Daly (7)	85

Long handicap: Half Tone 7-6, Havana Miss 7-2.

BETTING: 5-1 Oggi, 7-1 Half Tone, Tinker Osmaston, 8-1 Cedar Girl, Grand Time, Manor Adventure, 12-1 others.

1994: KILDEE LAD 4-9-6 J Williams (5-1) A Jones 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

OGGI 2l 2nd of 17 to Colway Rake in a handicap at Hamilton (6f, good). SEASIDE MINSTREL 6½l 11th of 14 to Ann's Pearl in a handicap here (5f 11yd, firm). MANOR ADVENTURE 12l 11th of 15 to The Old Chapel in a handicap at Leicester (6f, good to firm). HALF TONE 5¼l 5th of 15 to Hickory Blue in a handicap at Lingfield (5f, good to firm) with LORINS GOLD (7lb worse off) 1¾l 8th and TINKER OSMASTO (8lb worse off) ½l 9th.
Selection: OGGI

4.15 TIMEFORM PERSPECTIVE & RATINGS FILLIES' HANDICAP
(£3,696: 1m 5f 22yd) (8 runners)

501	(5)	60-0032	UNCHARTED WATERS 11 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-10-0	J Reid	95
502	(6)	10-4044	WILD STRAWBERRY 14 (F,G) Miss B Sanders 6-9-12	S Sanders (3)	[illegible]
503	(3)	50-0	LEGENDRA 53 (Mrs L Murphy) P Murphy 5-9-4	R Waterfield (7)	88
504	(8)	362540	REGAL PURSUIT 9 (H) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 4-9-1	Paul Eddery	98
505	(4)	00-0	WIZZY LIZZY 26 (Wessex Racing Club) D Elsworth 4-8-12	J Williams	87
506	(1)	655-0	GRANDES OREILLES 26 (Mrs L Le Cornu) N Walker 3-8-10	R Cochrane	85
507	(2)	60-0632	RASAYEL 14 (G) (Pastons Haulage and Cold Storage Ltd) P Evans 5-8-8	T Quinn	98
508	(7)	5/6000-0	RUMPUS 9 (Cherry Tree Racing Club) Mrs L Murphy 5-8-7	S Drowne (5)	90

BETTING: 6-4 Uncharted Waters, 9-4 Wild Strawberry, 7-1 Regal Pursuit, 8-1 Wizzy Lizzy, 10-1 others.

1994: SINGING REPLY 6-7-4 A Whelan (16-1) R Price 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

UNCHARTERED WATERS 2½l 2nd of 9 to Carpathian in a handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, firm). WILD STRAWBERRY about 3¼l 4th of 7 to Dancing Sensation in a handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). REGAL PURSUIT 17½l 4th of 14 to Jaraab in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 2m) on penultimate start. GRANDES OREILLES 19l 16th of 23 to Riyadian in a maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good), with WIZZY LIZZY (16lb better off) 10l 22nd.
Selection: UNCHARTERED WATERS

4.45 TIMEFORM PHONE SERVICE LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,915: 5f 11yd) (13 runners)

601	(4)	6535-51	SOUTHERN DOMINION 20 (CD,G) (A Wilkinson) W G M Turner 9-0	T Sprake	80
602	(1)	0060-0	CROWDED AVENUE 7 (T Wellard) P Makin 8-11	J Weaver	70
603	(3)	50060-2	MAGICAL MANOEUVERS 28 (G Chipman) B McMahon 8-11	T Quinn	82
604	(2)	20050-0	MASTER M-E-N 13 (V,D,F) (B Babbage) N Babbage 8-11	R Hughes	87
605	(6)	0-35	SAATCHMO 26 (G Tregloss) J Spearing 8-11	Paul Eddery	81
606	(5)	56-6	SIZZLING 35 (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 8-11	J Reid	75
607	(10)	4380-21	YOUDONTSAY 7 (F) (T Nicholls) R Curtis 8-9	S Lanigan (7)	[illegible]
608	(12)	40-0420	CORK STREET GIRL 11 (T Waddington) B Meehan 8-6	D Harrison	87
609	(8)	25-0000	LA BELLE DOMINIQUE 9 (R Withers) S Knight 8-6	W Newnes	88
610	(9)	22254-5	MIDNIGHT BREAK 28 (Major & Mrs Kennard) P Walwyn 8-6	Pat Eddery	95
611	(11)	06-3224	PORTELET 11 (B,BF) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-6	W Carson	88
612	(13)	22228-3	ROLLING 31 (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-6	J D Smith (5)	95
613	(7)	00030-4	SALLY WELD 7 (F) (R Lamb) C Benstead 8-6	B Rouse	94

BETTING: 3-1 Rolling, 9-2 Midnight Break, 8-1 Southern Dominion, 10-1 Magical Manoeuvers, 12-1 others.

1994: JAYANNPEE 9-0 L Dettori (4-6 fav) I Balding 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOUTHERN DOMINION beat Nomadic Dancer 4l in a 17-runner seller over course and distance (good). MAGICAL MANOEUVRES 2½l 2nd of 16 to Media Express in a handicap at Nottingham (6f, good). SAATCHMO 6½l 5th of 15 to Classicy in a maiden at Catterick (7f, good). YOUDONTSAY beat Stallus 2l in a 24-runner handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm), with SALLY WELD (6lb better off) 1¼l and a neck 4th and CROWDED AVENUE (12lb worse off) 12¾l 19th. CORK STREET GIRL 1½l 2nd of 7 to Tashbus race at Brighton (6f, good to firm), with MIDNIGHT BREAK about 4¾l 5th. PORTELET neck 2nd of 19 to Denbrae in a handicap at Nottingham (6f, good). ROLLING 2¼l 3rd of 12 to Pelleman in a maiden at Thirsk (6f, good to firm).
Selection: ROLLING

5.15 TIMEFORM BLACK BOOK & RATINGS HANDICAP
(£3,578: 1m 5yd) (18 runners)

1	(14)	04222-	LEGENDARY LEAP 214 (D Tylden-Wright) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-12	D Harrison	85
2	(8)	5/000-00	PETER ROWLEY 10 (G) (P Jobert) R Hannon 4-9-7	Pat Eddery	80
3	(17)	3418-01	WHATEVER'S RIGHT 10 (D,F,G) (M Tourgood) M Usher 6-9-7	T Quinn	90
4	(16)	505/00	JAIRZINHO 7 (D,F,G) (D Thomas) P Hayward 6-9-7	Dane O'Neill (7)	–
5	(11)	/0000/0-	ESTHAL BJ (G) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) A Barrow 5-9-2	R Price	–
6	(1)	0046-10	DOMINION'S DREAM 37 (G) (Mrs B Cuthbert) B Smart 3-9-1	M Rimmer	88
7	(2)	343140	MASTER MILLFIELD 48 (G) (C Hill) C Hill 3-9-0	J Weaver	[illegible]
8	(5)	5000-35	VANBOROUGH LAD 11 (CD,G,S) (A Galbraith) M Bolton 6-8-13	J Reid	87
9	(9)	10-5432	WENTBRIDGE LAD 9 (V,D,BF,G,S) (J Pugh) P Evans 5-8-13	R Hughes	96
10	(13)	0-08661	FLEET CADET 13 (B,F) (Sir John Swaine) N Graham 4-8-11	Paul Eddery	91
11	(7)	204645-	DUNGEON DANCER 235 (V,F) (Persian War) J Akehurst 3-8-10	W Newnes	84
12	(15)	00-0	BORN TO PLEASE 18 (The Pendley Optimists) P Harris 3-8-9	R Cochrane	84
13	(4)	0000-51	ALMAPA 4 (G) (P Slade) R Hodges 3-8-8 (6ex)	S Drowne (5)	96
14	(10)	100-004	SHAYNES DOMAIN 18 (B,G) (Mrs P Garnet) R Flower 4-8-3	J D Smith (5)	97
15	(3)	50425-3	RUNIC SYMBOL 46 (D Sloan) M Blanshard 4-8-3	Stephen Davies	93
16	(6)	0000-00	NOEPROB 47 (C,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 5-8-3	Amanda Sanders (7)	86
17	(12)	006-	RING THE CHIEF 322 (Persian War Partners) R Akehurst 3-7-12	S Sanders (3)	–
18	(18)	0-00	SURGIVA 18 (Lord Porman) J Arnold 3-7-11	C Rutter	–

BETTING: 5-1 Fleet Cadet, 6-1 Almapa, Legendary Leap, 8-1 Dungeon Dancer, Whatever's Right, 10-1 others.

1994: VANBOROUGH LAD 5-9-0 J Reid (33-1) M Bolton 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

LEGENDARY LEAP 1¾l 2nd of 18 to Kissair in a handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to soft). WHATEVER'S RIGHT beat Indian Serenade 2½l in an 11-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m). MASTER MILLFIELD's best recent effort came when beating Three Arch Bridge 1¾l in a 6-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f). VANBOROUGH LAD ¾l and 3l 3rd of 20 to Scharnhorst in an apprentice jockeys' handicap at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with SHAYNES DOMAIN a short-head 4th. WENTBRIDGE LAD ¾l 2nd of 13 to Reported in a claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 79yd). ALMAPA beat Sapphire Son a short-head in a 20-runner claimer at Salisbury (7f, good).
Selection: LEGENDARY LEAP

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	11	27	40.7	Pat Eddery	22	87	25.3
Lord Huntingdon	6	27	22.2	R Hughes	3	13	23.1
M Bell	4	19	21.1	J Weaver	3	15	20.0
D Elsworth	8	41	19.5	Stephen Davies	3	17	17.6
J Dunlop	8	44	18.2	T Quinn	21	122	17.2

Newbury

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m) 1, ZAJKO (R Cochrane, 11-2 fav); 2, Floridante (T Quinn, 16-1); 3, Safey Ana (T Ives, 50-1); 4, Nashaat (R Painter, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Bedivere (5th), 8 Top Banana, 9 King Balant, 12 Deeves, 14 Mo-Addab, Saifan, Singing Reply, 16 Bagshot, Khayrapour, Sel The Fashion, 20 Samah, Uncle Oswald (6th), 25 Battleship Bruce, Broughton Singer, Desert Time, Prenonamoss, Samba Sharply, 40 Mohawk Trail, 50 Dufferton, Highland Magic, Make A Stand. 25 ran. NR: Hawwam, Knobbleeneeze. 1¼, 1l, 1l, ¾l, 1¾l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £6.90; £2.50, £3.90, £20.00, £7.10. DF: £85.30. Trio: £1,958.70 part won (pool of £2,282.23 carried forward to Bath 3.45 today). CSF: £90.49. Tricast: £3,715.80.

2.30 (6f 8yd) 1, RUSSIAN REVIVAL (B Thomson, 6-5 fav); 2, Kahir Almaydan (G Carter, 25-1); 3, Meseheab (R Hills, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Gentilhomme, 9 Kilvine (4th), 16 Tagula (5th), 20 Ca'd'oro, Oblomov, 25 Back By Dawn, Inverlochy (6th), La Tansani, Master Lynx, Maygain, State Visitor, 33 Multi Franchise, Munketh, North Star, The Legions Pride. 18 ran. Shd, 4l, 3l, hd, 3l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £12.40, £2.80. DF: £77.10. Trio: £292.10. CSF: £34.70.

3.00 (7f 64yd) 1, INZAR (T Quinn, 13-8 fav); 2, Moon King (W R Swinburn, 7-4); 3, Prince of India (D Harrison, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Dashing Water (4th). 4 ran. 2l, nk, hd. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.64.

3.30 (7f 64yd) 1, GREAT INQUEST (R Cochrane, 14-1); 2, Easy Jet (D Harrison, 25-1); 3, Pinzon (B Thomson, 7-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Desert Harvest (5th), Mukhtab, 11-2 Marocco (4th), 9 Karear, 14 Hugelly, 20 Backhender, Knotally Wood (6th), 25 Easy Dollar, Truly Madly Deeply, Yosif, Zelda Zonk, 33 Norsong, Tarawa. 16 ran. NR: High Priest, Night Excellence. ¾l, 1¾l, shd, 1½l, 1l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £24.40; £5.50, £8.80, £1.50. DF: £398.70. Trio: £645.60 part won (pool of £636.53 carried forward to Bath 3.45 today). CSF: £306.05.

4.00 (1m) 1, SOVIET LINE (W R Swinburn, 2-1 fav); 2, Young Ern (T Quinn, 7-2); 3, Missed Flight (G Duffield, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Muhtarram (5th), 14 Mutakddim (4th). 5 ran. 2l, 2½l, ½l, 5l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £4.50. CSF: £8.72.

4.30 (1m 1f) 1, HOLTYE (A McGlone, Evens fav; Richard Evans and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Salt Lake (B Thomson, 11-2); 3, Embankment (T Quinn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Moments of Fortune (5th), 10 Green Crusader (6th), Night City (4th), 20 Risk Master, 50 Lomas. 8 ran. ¾l, 4l, nk, 2l, 3l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.15. Tricast: £27.09.

5.00 (2m) 1, SMUGGLING (T Quinn, 2-1 fav); 2, Maradonna (G Duffield, 14-1); 3, Lalindi (S Drowne, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Blaze Away (5th), 9-2 Inchcailloch, 6 Polo Kit (4th), 14 Art Form, 16 Muntafi, 20 Not In Doubt, Polish Consul (6th), 100 Sails Legend. 11 ran. NR: Robingo. 1¼l, 1¾l, ½l, 2½l, ¾l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £2.90, £2.50. DF: £41.80. Trio: £110.30. CSF: £30.31. Tricast: £164.86.

Jackpot: £11,062.40.

Quadpot: £14.30.

Placepot: £49.50.

Ripon

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.15 (6f) 1, Jedeel (K Darley, 9-2); 2, Classic Leader (7-1); 3, Percy Park (3-1). River Tern 9-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Thai Morning. Nk, 1l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £9.20. Trio: £27.40. CSF: £37.51.

2.45 (1m) 1, Java Red (K Fallon, 4-1); 2, Rossate Lodge (11-10 fav); 3, My Handsome Prince (33-1). 10 ran. ¾l, ¾l. J FitzGerald. Tote: £4.80; £1.50, £1.40, £4.90. DF: £3.90. Trio: £76.60. CSF: £9.42. Tote

3.15 (1m 2f) 1, Mutarr (K Darley, 3-1 fav); 2, Kalou (16-1); 3, Sovereign Page (7-2). 12 ran. NR: Colway Rock. 3l, 5l. L Cumani. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £5.20, £1.90. DF: £42.80. Trio: £59.50. CSF: £50.26. Tricast: £171.27.

3.45 (5f) 1, Broadstairs Beauty (C Teague, 5-1); 2, Name The Tune (11-2); 3, Total Stranger (9-2 fav). 14 ran. Hd, 1¾l. S Bowring. Tote: £8.20; £2.40, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £13.40. Trio: £27.00. CSF: £34.36. Tricast: £129.31.

4.15 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Thaljanah (D Holland, 7-1); 2, Top Lady (4-1); 3, Last Corner (14-1). Snow Valley 5-2 fav. 10 ran. Hd, nk. A Stewart. Tote: £10.50; £2.60, £1.60, £4.10. DF: £19.70. Trio: £68.40. CSF: £38.72. Tricast: £366.44.

4.45 (1m 1f) 1, Ellie Ardensky (N Varley, 5-2); 2, Pilsudski (8-1); 3, King's Crown (14-1). Celtic Fringe 4-5 fav. 10 ran. NR: Skedaddle. 2l, 1l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £21.90. Trio: £43.70. CSF: £23.91. Quadpot: £37.90.

Placepot: £200.60.

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Musselburgh

THUNDERER

6.30 Silent Soprano. 7.00 Master Charter. 7.30 Lochore. 8.00 Mary's Case. 8.30 Concer Un. 9.00 Aquado.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 9.00 Don Pepe.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM · SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 PINKIE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,656: 5f) (9 runners)

1	(6)		HAPPY TYCOON M Heaton-Ellis 8-7	D Holland	–
2	(1)	3	BOFFY 7 B Baugh 8-5	A Culhane	[illegible]
3	(2)		WHITE EMIR Mrs J Ramsden 8-3	Dean McKeown	–
4	(8)	4	BIT OF BOTHER 14 T Barron 8-2	K Darley	90
5	(9)	00	SWIFTY NIFTY 14 J Berry 8-2	N Carlisle	79
6	(7)	0	WYDALE 14 M Easterby 8-0	S Maloney	–
7	(5)		KATIE KOMAITE Capt J Wilson 7-12	N Varley (5)	–
8	(4)	2	SILENT SOPRANO 14 Denys Smith 7-12	J Fanning	97
9	(3)		WEE TINKERBELL Miss L Perratt 7-10	Dale Gibson	–

2-1 Silent Soprano, 5-2 Bit Of Bother, 4-1 White Emir, 7-1 Swifty Nifty, 8-1 Happy Tycoon, 12-1 Boffy, 16-1 others.

7.00 LEVENHALL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,666: 1m 3f 32yd) (7)

1	(5)	440-	DAILY STARLIGHT 220 Miss G Kelleway 9-0	M Wigham	92
2	(7)	00-6	JUST FOR A REASON 18 D Murray Smith 9-0	D Holland	88
3	(4)	0	MASTER CHARTER 25 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	K Fallon	[illegible]
4	(2)	002-	ROYAL EXPRESSION 236 Mrs M Reveley 9-0	K Darley	90
5	(3)	0-50	SHARE THE SECRET 18 (B) B Hanbury 9-0	J Fortune	81
6	(6)	00-6	TEEJAY'N'AITCH 12 J Goldie 9-0	N Kennedy (7)	92
7	(1)	0622	MAYDAY KITTY 58 W Turner 8-9	D R McCabe (3)	82

2-1 Master Charter, 5-2 Royal Expression, 7-2 Share The Secret, 7-1 Daily Starlight, 12-1 Just For A Reason, Mayday Kitty, 25-1 Teejay'n'aitch.

7.30 EAST LOTHIAN HANDICAP (£4,249: 1m 3f 32yd) (11)

SKY

1	(3)	1-00	SILVER HUNTER 15 (F) G Bravery 4-10-0	K Darley	91
2	(1)	30-3	LATVIAN 14 (CD,F,G) R Allan 8-9-8	S Maloney	92
3	(11)	2220	TU OPES 15 (F,G) J L Harris 4-9-8	Dale Gibson	95
4	(6)	0044	BRAILLE 13 (G,S) M Meagher 4-8-7	J Fortune	96
5	(10)	0201	KILLICK 11 (F,G) A Bailey 7-8-11	M Wigham	96
6	(2)	0334	IMPERIAL BID 12 (CD,F,G) Denys Smith 7-8-8	K Fallon	98
7	(9)	-005	LOCHORE 7 (G) Mrs V Aconley 5-7-12	D R McCabe (3)	[illegible]
8	(5)	000-	STORMLESS 228 P Monteith 4-7-10	J Fanning	–
9	(8)	5454	GOLD DESIRE 2 (G,S) M Brittain 5-7-7	G Bardwell	92
10	(7)	0-04	HABETA 17 (F,G) J Watts 9-7-7	N Kennedy	90
11	(4)	-000	PERSONIMUS 14 Capt J Wilson 5-7-7	N Carlisle	82

3-1 Killick, 9-2 Imperial Bid, 5-1 Latvian, Gold Desire, 7-1 others.

8.00 FISHERROW SELLING STAKES (£2,614: 1m 16yd) (9)

SKY

1	(1)	4	KARIBU 24 (GER) M Meagher 4-9-7	J Fortune	91
2	(2)	3000	MARY'S CASE 16 (B) M Johnston 5-9-7	D Holland	97
3	(5)	000-	PRINCE SONGLINE 184J (F,G) Mrs A Swinbank 5-9-7	J Marshall	87
4	(9)	0806	READ MY LIPS 10 B Baugh 4-9-7	A Culhane	91
5	(3)	6200	SHARP N' SMOOTH 14 (B,C,D,F,G) W Kemp 8-9-7	K Darley	85
6	(6)	2P-0	WORDSMITH 11 (D,G) J L Harris 5-9-7	K Fallon	92
7	(8)	000-	AMNESIA 25J (V,D,G) Mrs S Bradburne 4-9-2	N Carlisle	[illegible]
8	(7)	20-0	FLAIR LADY 10 (D,F) W Turner 4-9-2	D R McCabe (3)	85
9	(4)	-350	FUNNY ROSE 4J P Monteith 5-9-2	P Fessey (7)	82

9-4 Mary's Case, 4-1 Sharp N' Smooth, 5-1 Karibu, Wordsmith, 8-1 others.

8.30 MUSSELBURGH HONEST TOUN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,845: 1m 16yd) (13)

SKY

1	(3)	3122	CONCER UN 11 (D,S) S Williams 9-7	K Darley	[illegible]
2	(7)	834-	LEGAL ISSUE 244 N Prescott 9-5	R Parham	90
3	(1)	6615	SAMAKA HARA 11 (D,F,G) W Cunningham 9-3	D R McCabe (3)	94
4	(6)	65-0	CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 26 D Nicholls 9-0	Alex Greaves	86
5	(12)	4151	VINDALOO 14 (C,D,G,S) J L Harris 8-10	Dale Gibson	94
6	(4)	4-06	SIMAND 14 (F) E Weymes 8-10	J Fortune	94
7	(10)	0105	PASH 10 (V,CD,S) W Bisey 8-4	N Kennedy	89
8	(11)	0-04	TINKLERS FOLLY 14 Denys Smith 8-4	J Fanning	86
9	(5)	-061	EURO SCEPTIC 9 (B,F) M H Easterby 8-4	S Maloney	92
10	(8)	4320	RICANA 18 W Kemp 8-4	Dean McKeown	94
11	(2)	00-0	GILPA TRINKETS 54 D Chapman 8-1	N Carlisle	81
12	(9)	00-0	TOBAGO BOY 28 M Meagher 8-1	N Varley (5)	81
13	(13)	0800	CROCODILE ROCK 18 M Heaton-Ellis 7-7	G Bardwell	–

4-1 Vindaloo, 5-1 Euro Sceptic, 7-1 Legal Issue, Concer Un, 8-1 others.

9.00 EAST LOTHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL HANDICAP (£3,243: 7f 15yd) (14)

1	(6)	0-15	DON PEPE 25 (CD,F,G) R Boss 4-10-0	K Darley	90
2	(2)	00-6	LADY-BO-K 10 (F,G) J Wilson 4-9-9	K Fallon	93
3	(13)	0-44	MISS VAXETTE 7 (C,F,S) M Brittain 6-9-9	G Bardwell	95
4	(12)	2002	MY HANDY MAN 17 R Allan 4-9-4	S Maloney	92
5	(3)	2201	PROFIT RELEASE 10 (B,D,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-3	D Holland	91
6	(5)	6180	TWIN CREEKS 11 (D,G) M Hammond 4-9-2	D R McCabe (3)	97
7	(8)	46-2	MBULWA 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 9-9-1	J Fortune	89
8	(10)	0-60	BLUE GRIT 21 (C,D,F,G,S) M Dods 9-9-0	Dale Gibson	88
9	(14)	0420	FOUR OF SPADES 42 (B,D,G) W Cunningham 4-8-9	Dean McKeown	[illegible]
10	(1)	4251	AQUADO 2 (D,F,G) A Forbes 6-8-9	D Denby (7)	95
11	(11)	0010	DIET 2 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 9-8-8	N Connorton	91
12	(9)	3416	AT THE SAVOY 9 (B,BF,G) T Barron 4-8-7	Kimberley Hart (7)	93
13	(4)	0002	WELLSY LAD 11 (D,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-5	N Carlisle	86
14	(7)	0/01	CHANTRY BELLINI 10 (B,D,F,G) Mrs S Austin 6-8-3	J Fanning	89

9-2 Profit Release, 5-1 Aquado, 6-1 Mbulwa, 8-1 Don Pepe, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Williams, 4 winners from 7 runners, 57.1%; A Bailey, 4 from 12, 33.3%; B Hanbury, 3 from 9, 33.3%; R Boss, 3 from 9, 33.3%; S Kettlewell, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M H Easterby, 8 from 34, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: G Bardwell, 5 winners from 17 rides, 29.4%; K Darley, 32 from 142, 22.5%; N Connorton, 10 from 66, 15.2%; A Culhane, 4 from 33, 12.1%; J Fortune, 10 from 84, 11.9%; J Marshall, 5 from 43, 11.6%.

Blinkered first time

BATH: 3.45 Havana Miss, Runs In The Family. 4.45 Portelet. 5.15 Wentbridge Lad. EDINBURGH: 7.0 Share The Secret. 8.0 Amnesia. WARWICK: 8.15 Familiar Friend, Polly's Clown. 7.45 Coverdale Lane. WOLVERHAMPTON: 2.30 Legatee. 3.0 Ehtelaal. 4.0 U-No-Harry. 4.30 Magic Bird.

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
J Berry	34	22	32	1	-85.67
R Hollinshead	30	33	41	9	-88.27
J Gosden	28	16	14	3	-6.82
M Johnston	25	40	32	1	-98.39
R Hannon	26	24	22	1	-98.97
C Brittain	24	18	26	1	+19.05
M Channon	24	20	21	3	-26.23
J Dunlop	20	16	18	1	-17.21
M Stoute	18	12	10	1	-8.22
P Cole	18	11	19	1	+1.82
Mrs N Macauley	17	7	16	9	+44.00
A Bailey	17	19	9	2	-10.22
Mrs J Ramsden	17	18	8	2	-30.83
H Cecil	16	17	11	2	-10.06
P Haslam	16	12	6	16	-20.62

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
L Dettori	77	66	55	0	-65.42
J Weaver	64	67	54	4	-100.76
K Darley	45	32	22	0	+47.33
R Cochrane	40	30	34	5	-70.37
T Ives	35	29	26	31	-60.09
J Carroll	31	23	14	6	-28.35
Pat Eddery	29	12	18	1	-0.98
W Carson	26	17	14	0	-24.43
J Reid	26	18	19	5	-3.07
B Doyle	24	18	19	0	+47.18
M Fenton	23	14	14	4	-15.57
T Quinn	23	16	25	4	-3.49
D Harrison	22	19	24	17	-65.55
R Hughes	18	18	14	9	-35.03
G Carter	18	23	28	20	-121.91
W R Swinburn	17	20	18	7	-18.91

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ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: Inter-regional match: Men: 100m A: O Dako (North) 10.50 B: D Joyce (South) 10.56 200m: D Turner (Wales) 21.35 B: P Maitland (Wales) 21.47 400m A: M Smith (South) 57 10. B: S Coupland (North) 48.10. 800m A: A Hart (Midlands) 1 52.15. B: P Hadley (North) 1:53 02 1,500m A: P Gilby (South) 3 52.2. B: S Mosley (Wales) 3·64 8 3,000m A: N Caddy (South) 8·03 86. B: D Taylor (South) 8 05.02. 110m hurdles A: L Cowan (South) 14.15 B: M Lambeth (South) 14.28. 400m hurdles A: C Rawlinson (North) 51.08. B: M Bishop (South) 52 27. 3,000m steeplechase A: M Roscoe (North) 9:07.20. B: B Leaper (North) 9·16 81 3km walk A: P King (South) 12 28 18. B: J O'Rawe (South) 12 43.75. 4 x 100m relay: Wales 40 87 4 x 400m relay: South 3·14.52. High jump A: M Mandy (Midlands) 2.14m. B: M Robbins (North) 2.05m. Long jump A: J Munroe (South) 7.51m B: S Phillips (Midlands) 7 39m. Triple jump A: T Fasinro (South) 15.58m. B: P Weston (Midlands) 14 78m. Pole vault A: D Mellor (North) 5.10m B: P Williamson (North) 5m. Shot A: N Spratley (South) 16.68m. B: G Solitt (South) 16 01m. Discus A: K Brown (Midlands) 58.46m. B: G Smith (Midlands) 57 38m. Hammer A: D Smith (North) 70.12m. B: P Vivian (South) 67.60m. Javelin A: M Roberson (South) 71.56m B: S Fabin (South) 69m Match result: 1 South 195; 2 North 179. 3 Midlands 166.5, 4 Wales 144.5 Women: 100m A: S Douglas (South) 11.63 B: R Drummond (Midlands) 12.06 200m A: M Richardson (South) 23 94 B: J Maduaka (South) 24.45. 400m A: M Thomas (Midlands) 54 6. B: K Goodwin (North) 56 4. 800m A: A Layzell (Wales) 2:09.94. B: S King (North) 2·10.46 1,500m A . A Wyeth (South) 4:27.07. B: J Jones (South) 4:29.53. 3,000m A: M Ross (Midlands) 9·45.46. B: J Harrison (Midlands) 3:53.38. 100m hurdles A: C Court (Midlands) 13.55 B: D Allahgreen (North) 14 75 400m hurdles A: C Bleasdale (South) 60 11 B: H Myer (South) 60.39. 3km walk: V Snook (South) 13·32.9 B: K Baird (Midlands) 14:17.74 4 x 100m relay: South 48.22 4 x 400m relay: Wales 3 51 40. High jump A: D Davies (Midlands) 1 75m B: M Dunkley (Midlands) 1 75m. Long jump A: A Brooks (North) 6 16m. B: D Davies (Midlands) 5 88m Triple jump A: D Rowe (Midlands) 12.19m. B: L Eden (North) 11 40m Pole vault A: R Clarke (South) 3.20m B: L Schramm (South) 3m Shot A: C Cooksley (Midlands) 14 09m B: C Court (Midlands) 14 08m Discus A: D Callaway (South) 54m. B: S Drew (South) 52.58m Hammer: L Shaw (Midlands) 60 96m B: A Gardener (Midlands) 51 72m Javelin A: J King (North) 48 42m B: K Martin (North) 47 90m Match result: 1 Midlands 173: 2 North 167, 3 South 159: 4 Wales 121

CAMBRIDGE: University match: Men: 100m: J Reynolds (C) 11 1sec 200m: G Gardner (C) 22 4 400m: C McCaw (Ox) 50 6 800m: P Gray (C) 157 7 1,500m: A Barber (C). 356 5. 5,000m: G Tyler (Ox) 15 2.0 110m hurdles: S Rosato (Ox) 15.2 200m hurdles: Rosato (Ox) 26.2 400m hurdles: S Booth (Ox) 56 4 Steeplechase: E Broome (Ox) 9 14.9 3km walk: N Barrable (Ox) 13 43 3 High jump: P Vigars (Ox) 1·95 Pole vault: M Weaver (Ox) 14 70 Long jump: N Waine (C) 7.24 Triple jump: V Reeve (C) 15·04 Shot: J Kindon (Ox) 12 57 Discus: N Conemey (C) 43·7 Hammer: R Weatherall (C) 42·12 Javelin: J Humon (Ox) 63 02 4 x 100m relay: Oxford 42 9 4 x 400m relay: Oxford 3.27 0 Match result: Oxford 123 Cambridge 100 Women: 100m: A Amaku (Ox) 12 5 200m: Amaku 25 6 400m: R Gilpin (C) 61 4. 800m: D Martin (Ox) 217 6. 1,500m: C Martin (Ox) 4 44 0 3,000m: S Forrester (C) 10.5 1. 100m hurdles: R Irving (C) 15.2 400m hurdles: C Mav (Ox) 66 7 High jump: Mav (Ox) 1 65m Long jump: Irving 5.13 Triple jump: Irving 11 48. Shot: S Winckless (c) 10 84. Discus: Winckless 48 42 Hammer: Winckless 35 30. Javelin: J Curgenven (C) 38.58 Match result: Cambridge bt Oxford.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

EIGHTH ROUND: Brisbane 17.13 (115) St Kilda 14 10 (94) West Coast E 13 12 (90) Essendon 16 12 (108); Richmond 14 7 (91) Geelong 24 19 (163); Hawthorn 7 8 (50) Melbourne 17 10 (112). Footscray 13.6 (84) Nth Melbourne 15 14 (105): Collingwood 20 11 (131) Fremantle 14 9 (93). Sydney S 21 6 (132) Carlton 8 12 (60).

BADMINTON

LAUSANNE: Sudirman Cup world mixed team championship: Semi-finals: Indonesia 4 South Korea 1, China 4 Denmark 1. Final: China 3 Indonesia 1. Fifth place play-offs: England 3 Thailand 2.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 7 Boston 5. Detroit 10 Toronto 6, New York 7 Baltimore 2: California 7 Chicago 5 (10): Oakland 11 Kansas City 1, Seattle 10 Minnesota 6: Texas 7 Milwaukee 6 (11) NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 10 St Louis 7, Philadelphia 10 New York 8, Atlanta 8 Florida 7. Cincinnati 10 Colorado 9 (10). Houston 2 Montreal 1 (10): San Diego 9 Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 7 Los Angeles 1.

BASKETBALL

SOLENT: International: England 99 Ireland 68.

BOWLS

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Kent 114 Bucks 118, Surrey 129 Middx 101 Midlands county championship: Lincs 92 Worcs 139, Northants 100 Leics 116, Notts 114 Warwicks 126. Inter-county: Oxon 110 Gloucs 131; Wilts 122 London Welsh 86.

CRICKET

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Burnley Belvedere 197-4 Barnoldswick 195-7: Earby 134-7 Clitheroe 139-1; Padiham 147-7 Old Rossendalians 144-9 Ribblesdale Wanderers 179-8 Burnley GSOB 178-4 Rolls Royce 186-5 Cherry Tree 187-4 Salesbury 86-3 Great Harwood 85.

BRYAN HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Luton Town 237-6 Letchworth 123, Barnet 175 Langleybury 179-6; West Herts 218-6 Hoddesdon 222-5, Berkhamsted 173 North Mymms 155-7; Welwyn Garden City 192 Hitchin 193-5; Radlett 171-9 Bishops Stortford 168, Hertford 194-8 Watford Town 144; Cheshunt 220-8 Sawbridgeworth 158-7, Hemel Hempstead 147 Stevenage 145, Cockfosters 103 St Albans 104-4.

LIVERPOOL 7 DISTRICT COMPETITION: Bootle 180-2dec Huyton 126; Chester BH 183-3dec Formby 135; Hightown 148 Liverpool 146, Neston 162 Wallasey 161; Birkenhead Park 199-7 New Brighton 128-7; Oxton 177-5 Ormskirk 114; St Helens 195-8 Northern 197-7, Sefton 116 Southport 78.

APS TWO COUNTIES CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP: Clacton 207-5 Abberton 109. Braintree 210-6 Maldon 169-9; Wivenhoe 158 Bury St Edmonds 159-8; Stowmarket 139 Halstead 143-6; Harwich and Dulwich 87-9 Sudbury 88-7

WINDSOR LIFE CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Alsager 187 Heaton Mersey 122-8; Bowdon 214-3dec Warrington 203-9; Grappenhall 189-7dec Didsbury 191-7. Macclesfield 207-6dec Timperley 141-7: Toft 161-9dec Poynton 165-4, Cheadle Hulme 187 Widnes 186-9

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Millom 153-9 Askam 119-7, Carnforth 193-8 Carlisle 196-8: Dalton 186-9 Vickerstown 126-9; Furness 229-4 Lindal 159-7: Havergg 150 Workington 139; Penrith 255-7 Cleator 118: Ulverston 126 Vickers Sports 127-6; Barrow 188-4 Whitehaven 155-9.

COLOUR ASSEMBLY ESSEX LEAGUE: Fives Heron 148 Chelmsford 149-5. Chingford 148 Brentwood 141-8: Clayhall 146 Hadleigh and T 147-0, Wanstead 149 Colchester 150-9; Gidea Park 137 Woodford W 89; Leigh-on-Sea 148 Hutton 150-3; Ilford 100 Loughton 101-3; Saffron Walden 202-4dec Orsett and T 163; Southend 128 S Woodford 129-3; Westcliff 228-3dec Old Brentwood 202-6.

BURTONWOOD BREWERY LEAGUE: Bolton 135-7 Leigh 196-5: Chorlton-cum-Hardy 95 Newton-le-Willows 99-2; Sale 208-6 St Helens 144-7, Wythenshawe 191-8 Cheetham Hill 172-8: Winton 142 Brooksbottom 123-8; Bury 167-8 Ashton-on-Mersey 168-6; Stockport 263-1 Flixton 193-9, Lymm 141 Stretford 142-1.

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Sevenoaks Vine 248-3 Beckenham 48, St Lawrence 222 Bexley 223-5. Holmesdale 148-8 Dartford 142; Gravesend 159 Gore Court 162-4: Hayes 180-4 Tunbridge Wells 181-8: The Mote 165-9 Chestfield 68

DERBYSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY LEAGUE: Ilkeston 183 Sawley 138, A and B 242-7 Heanor 182-8, Langley M 224-4 Denby 209-7. Quarndon 151-0 Wirksworth 149; Stainsby 203-7 W Hallam 164-7, Ockbrook 171-4 Aston 169.

GREENE KING SOUTH THAMES LEAGUE: Old Dunstonians 122 Bexleyheath 125-4, Bickley Park 220-7 Catford Wanderers 140; Natwest Bank 182-7 Blackheath Wanderers 183-6; Catford Cyphers 213-8 Frindsbury 214-5: RACS 212-4 Linden Park 109-9; Orpington 253-4 Hartley Country Club 194; Old Colleens 200-9 Sydenham 161-7

NORTH WALES AND CHESHIRE COMPETITION: Caldy 220-6 Colwyn Bay 148; Irby 200-4 dec Wrexham 123-9, Prestatyn 67 Mold 68-6: Northop Hall 168-8 St Asaph 167-9.

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Basingstoke 208-7 Chesham 209-3: Finchampstead 252-5 Bessborough 253-3: High Wycombe 177-9 Hayes 83: Harrow 130 Hounslow 134-4; Ickenham 253-5 Boyne Hill 111, Kidmore End 214-5 Maidenhead and B 183-8, Harefield 209-7 OMT 210-8: Reading 193-6 Slough 185-4: Tring Park 255-7 Eastcote 258-6; Beaconsfield 130 Wokingham 123.

VAUX NORTHERN LEAGUE: Chorley 239-7 Fleetwood 243-7, Darwen 178-8 Lancaster 177-6, Kendal 127 Blackpool 80; Preston 180-5 Leyland Daf 118-5; Netherfield 156-9 Morecambe 157-4. St Annes 195-9dec Leyland 59-6.

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Denton 219-9 Irlam 174-7: Longsight 176 Denton St Lawrence 178-5; Glossop 207-7 Prestwich 141; Roe Green 132. Woodbank 133-4; Dukinfield 96 Thornham 97-2; Woodhouses 212-9 Denton West 214-8.



Britain's Graeme Obree, the world 4,000m champion, finishing the last round of the individual pursuit final in Athens, where he beat Dietmar Müller, of Austria, in 4min 34.873sec. It was the first World Cup race of the season

NORTH MANCHESTER LEAGUE: Bolton Road 112-7 High View 114-5: Rochdale Catholic Club 187-5 Fothergill and Harvey 77: Rochdalians 75 Robinsons 78-4, Tottington St Johns 188 Swinton Methodists 107, Westleigh Methodists 214-7 Springhead 171-8

FORT STERLING BOLTON LEAGUE: Farnworth 251-8dec Astley Bridge 145, Bradshaw 143 Tonge 144-3, Greenmount 155-8dec Egerton 158-7, Eagley 105 Horwich 107-4; Kearsley 144-8dec Walkden 89; Little Lever 180-9dec Farnworth SC 154-8: Heaton 211 Westhoughton 171.

OXBRIDGE MIDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Aldridge 198-7 Streetly 185, O Edwardians 113-2 Sheldon Marlborough 112; Pershore 185-7 Droitwich 133-9; Redditch 100 Kenilworth 101-2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Hinckley 176 Blossomfield 122; Burton 168 Northampton Saints 168-8; Leicester Ivanhoe 141-8 Water Orton 140; Lichfield 203-7 Rugby 112-4; Lutterworth 226-9 Bedworth 150-4; Market Harborough 205-7 Loughborough 147-7: Nuneaton 197·7 Kenilworth Wardens 255-2.

SOUTHDOWN MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Enfield 178-3dec Brondesbury 182-7; Ealing 247-6dec Finchley 178-8; Richmond 204-8dec Hampstead 153-8. Southgate 244-7dec North Middlesex 148-7, South Hampstead 207-6dec Hornsey 103: Stanmore 149 Winchmore Hill 111-8; Teddington 246-3dec Shepherds Bush 177-5: Uxbridge 239 Wembley 224-7.

BRITISH GAS SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bashley (Rydal) 170 New Milton 172-6; Bournemouth 176-8 Hursley Park 159-9; Old Tauntonians 131 Calmore Sports 132-7: Havant 161-4 Liphook and Ripsley 165-8; Hambledon 188-3 Longparish 169, Gosport Borough 132-9 Petersfield 122; South Wilts 188-9 Hungerford 159; Lymington 231-5 United Services 183; Winchester KS 159-8 Portsmouth 107

EVE SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: Wimbledon 190-8dec Ashford 120-8; Shepperton 199 Banstead 141-8; Bank of England 160 Cheam 161-6, Cranleigh 163 Metropolitan Police 165-4, Old Whitgiftians 123 Farnham 70. Malden Wanderers 229-8dec Honor Oak 125-7; Esher 191-6dec Spencer 91; Sunbury 247-3dec Mitcham 180-9; Sutton 221-6dec Guildford 222-6 Walton-on-Thames 212-5dec Dulwich 102; Limpsfield 208-9dec Weybridge 211-4

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Stage eight (130 miles from Acquappesa Marina): 1, L Cubino (Sp) 5hr 52min 03sec; 2, B Cenghialta (It, Gewiss Ballan) at 1min 19sec; 3, F Frattini (It, Gewiss Ballan) at 1·24

ROAD RACES: Land's Classic two-day (North Humberside, 150 miles) 1, P Curran (Optimum Performance RT) 5hr 29min 36sec. 2, J Tanner (Tritech) at 9sec. 3, R Holden (Ambrosia-Dynatech) at 27sec. Bec CC (Edenbridge, 75 miles): 1, D Rudd (De Laune CC) 3:05:20; 2, B Elcome (Festival RC), 3, M Hulbert (South Western RC) both same time

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC Circuit Series (round one, Cheshire, 39km): 1, G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 50min 22sec; 2, G Thomas (Leek CC) 51·40; 3, Z Carr (Leo RC) 51:48 Fenyhill Wheelers (50 miles) 1, N Jackson (Cleveland Wh) 1 49.58; 2, P Newman (GS Metro) 1·51:21; 3, J Read (Velo Viento) 1:54.25. Team: Velo Viento 5:51:20 Bristol South CC (50 miles): 1, C Brooks (VC Camelot) 1:50:02; 2, G Fouracre (Mendip CC) 1 58.13, 3, D Russell (Mendip CC) 1 58:42. Team: Mendip CC 6·01·32 Deeside Thistle CC (Aberdeen, 50 miles): 1, N Brown (Deeside Thistle) 1·54·37; 2, P Duncan (Aberdeen Multisport) 1 58·46; 3, A Wright (GS Corsa) 1·58.47 Team: Deeside Thistle CC 5:57:02. Mid Shropshire Wheelers (50 miles) 1, S York (Mid Shropshire Wh) 1:54 50; 2, S Butterworth (Dukinfield CC) 1:57:31, 3, R Eperjesi (Elizabethan CC) 1:59:37. Team: Mid Shropshire Wh 5:58·05. Salisbury RC (50 miles) 1, G Pickford (Antelope RT) 1:55·02; 2, E Deane (Bournemouth Jubilee Wh) 1:57:43, 3, A Cook (Leo RC) 1:57:45. Team: Bournemouth Jubilee Wh 6·15·54. Tyneside Vagabonds (mountain, 35 miles): 1, R Thompson (GS Metro) 1.31 09; 2, A McClure (Newcastle Cheviot) 1 35:53; 3, M Gibson (Houghton CC) 1:37·06 Team: Tyne Velo 4:58·18 Scala Wheelers (Rotherham, 25 miles) 1, G Platts (Coalville Wh) 51·00 (course and event record). 2, P Jezewski (Jarrow RT) 53:03; 3, N Wales (VC Chesterfield) 53:15 Team: Coalville Wh 2:43:08. Luton Wheelers (25 miles) 1, I Cammish (Velo Viento) 51:46. 2, P Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wh) 53.11; 3, L Rathbone (Tamworth RCC) 53:44 Team: Crewe Clarion Wh 2:43 58. Rother Valley CC (Petersfield, 25 miles): 1, D Froy (Antelope RT) 56.05; 2, P Pickers (Antelope RT) 57.04; 3, F Lawler (Crawley Wh) 57·49 Team: Antelope RT 2·51·31. Crawley Wheelers (25 miles): 1, K Reed (34 Nomads) 54·40; 2, P Danckwardt (Norwood Paragon) 54·59; 3, C Smith (Old Portlians CC) 55·14 Team: Norwood Paragon 2.49 36. Norwich ABC (25 miles): 1, G Mason (Mildenhall CC) 58:31; 2, M Pyne (Leo RC) 56 36; 3. R Wood (Colchester Rovers) 58·12. Team: VC Norwich 3.03:56. Loudoun RC (Irvine, 25 miles): 1, G McFarlane (Erskine CC) 56·00; 2, R Todd (Loudoun RC) 58·24; 3, S Williamson (Loudoun RC) 59 30 Rhos-on-Sea CC (25 miles): 1, J Howard (Merseyside Wh) 53:18 (event record); 2, A Roberts (Crewe Clarion Wh) 56:39; 3, P Holt (Wrexham RC) 57.22 Team: Wrexham RC 2·59:6). High Wycombe CC (25 miles): 1, D Redding (Team Clean) 52:04; 2, E Adkins (Leo RC) 52:17: 3, D Creese (VC Slough) 53:20. Clachnacuddin CC (Loch Ness, 15 miles): 1, D Macdonald (Clachnacuddin CC) 35 42; 2, W Matthews (West Highland Wh) 36:00; 3, A Sutherland (Cairngorm CC) 36·10 Team: Moray Firth RT 1.51:28.

EQUESTRIANISM

COMPIÈGNE: Three-day event: 1, King Solomon 111 (M Thomson, GB) 45.8: 2, Dawdle (A Nicholson, NZ) 48.8, 3, Voyou 1V (M-C Duroy, F) 49.4. Standings: 1, France 173.60. 2, Great Britain 197 15; 3, Italy 230.35.

FENCING

BRITISH OPEN ÉPÉE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: 1, G Liston (RAF and Scot). 2, S Walton (Scot); equal 3, D McKernan (Scot) and G Allen (Heverstock).

GOLF

MADRID: Spanish Open: Final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 274: S Ballesteros (Sp) 70, 67. 66, 71. 276: J Rivero (Sp) 68, 69, 71, 68; I Garrido (Sp) 67, 66, 74, 69. 277: P Baker 69, 72. 68. 68; G Brand Jnr 71, 66, 65, 75 278: E Romero (Arg) 70 69, 69, 70, P Mitchell 66, 67, 73, 72, 279: D Cooper 70, 72, 70, 67: R Claydon 72, 69 70, 68: B Langer (Ger) 71, 70. 69, 69; J Townsend (US) 69, 67, 71, 72 280: J Robson 69, 70, 74, 67; A Sorensen (Den) 70, 73. 68, 69: M Roe 69, 69, 68, 74 281: M Mouland 70, 73, 70, 68: P Linhart (Sp) 74 69. 70, 68: J-M Olazabal (Sp) 73 71. 68, 69; F Nobilo (NZ) 73, 70, 69. 69; W Riley (Aus) 69. 71. 71, 70: H Clark 69. 69. 72, 70. C Rocca (It) 68, 69, 73, 71; C Montgomerie 73, 71, 70, 70; J Parnevik (Swe) 73, 68, 69, 71 282: M McLean 71, 72. 70, 69: B Lane 68, 73, 71, 69: R McFarlane 72. 68, 71, 71; 283: M Harwood (Aus) 69 70, 77 67, G Turner (NZ) 72, 72, 69, 70: P O'Malley (Aus) 73, 68, 70, 72; S Torrance 70, 69, 71, 73: D Gilford 69, 69, 72, 73; M Jonzon (Swe) 71, 71, 68, 73. 284: J van de Velde (Fr) 71, 73, 73, 67; E Darcy 69, 69, 76, 70; J Stand (SA) 71, 69, 74, 70. R Drummond 73, 70 71, 70; D Carter 70, 68, 75 71, G Levenson (SA) 69, 71, 72, 72; P Price 68, 73, 70 73; A Sherborne 72, 71. 68, 73; D Hospital (Sp) 71, 68, 70, 75. 285: P Broadhurst 75, 69, 71, 70, J Sandelin (Swe) 69 72, 72 72; J Coceres (Arg) 70, 72, 69, 74. 286: O Karlsson (Swe) 72, 70 76, 68; R Davis (Aus) 70, 71, 74, 71 J Pinero (Sp) 72, 71, 72, 71; S Richardson 71, 70, 73, 72; S Cage 73, 68, 72, 73; M Mackenzie 69, 75, 68, 74; M Lanner (Swe) 71, 73, 68, 76 287: A Binaghi (It) 71, 70, 74, 72; R Chapman 74, 70, 71, 72; P Quirici (Switz) 72, 71, 71, 73; M Pinero (Sp) 73, 68, 70, 76. 288: L White 72, 72, 74, 70; M Litton 72, 71, 74 71; P Eales 72, 71, 73, 72; S Struver (Ger) 71, 73, 72, 72. 289: R Burns 72, 72, 75, 70; P-U Johansson (Swe) 73, 68, 75, 73.

NEW YORK: Men's tournament: Third round scores (US unless stated). 206: V Singh (Fiji) 70. 69, 67. 207: B Wadkins 72, 66. 69 208: N Faldo (GB) 70, 70, 68; B Flesher 68, 71, 69. 209: J McGovern 74, 70, 65; S Lowery 75, 70. 66; M Brisky 70. 72, 67: D Ogrin 73, 68, 68, B McCallister 69. 71, 69. D Martin 67, 70, 72, M Hulbert 68, 69, 73. 210: B Faxon 72, 68, 70: S Elkington (Aus) 71, 69, 70, F Funk 71, 68, 71, C Perry 69, 67, 74. 211: D Duval 69, 75, 67, B Porter 71, 72, 68, B Tway 73, 70, 68, B Glider 73, 70, 68, N Ozaki (Japan) 72, 71, 68 S Brodie 72, 69, 70; D Pruitt 72, 69, 70 C Beck 69, 70, 72

HILLSIDE: English Open amateur stroke play championship: Third round: 212: M Foster (Worksop) 69. 73, 70 214: G Wolstenholme (Bristol and C) 73, 72, 69; D Howell (Broome Manor) 70, 71, 73 215: G Clark (Pinner Hill) 69, 75, 71 216: B Howard (Cochrane Castle) 74, 73, 69. D Lynn (Trentham) 76, 71, 69; C Edwards (Bath) 73, 73, 70. S Griffiths (Wentworth) 71, 74, 71, M Wheelhouse (NZ) 72, 73, 71 217: M Cort (Birstall) 70, 75, 72. 218: S Garcia (Sp) 76, 70, 72; S Collingwood (Carnoime) 72, 74, 72; R Godley (Hillside) 71, 72, 75 219: W Bladon (Kenilworth) 74, 72, 73; M Foster (Bradford) 72, 74, 73 220: A Reid (Kilmarnock Barassie) 72, 76, 72; R Duck (Northants County) 70, 75, 75, F Cea (Sp) 74, 69, 77 221: M Blackey (Havling) 75, 74, 72; L James (Broadstone) 74, 75, 72; B Collier (Callander) 70, 77, 74, S Taylor (Hillside) 72, 75, 74; J-M De Polo (Fr) 72, 74, 75, H McKibbin (Troon Welbeck) 76, 70, 75 222: D Park (Burghill Valley) 79, 70, 73, R Bland (Bramshott Hill) 73, 75, 74, R Evraud (Fr) 74, 74, 74, M Smith (Ross-on-Wye) 74, 74, 74; V Groenewald (SA) 69, 77, 76

CHART HILLS: Women's tournament: Third round scores (GB and Ire unless stated). 208: F Descampe (Bel) 69, 67, 72 209: L Fairclough 70, 68, 71. 211: D Reid 72, 73, 66, T Johnson 71, 71, 69. 213: L Davies 73, 73, 67; J Forbes 74, 70, 69, M Koch (Ger) 72, 71, 70. E Knuth (Sp) 69, 73, 71 214: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 71, 74, 69. P Meunier (Fr) 76, 69, 69, K Davies 72, 72, 70. W Doolan (Aus) 70, 74, 70, C Hall 72, 72, 70; T Loveys 66, 73, 73; K Webb (Aus) 70, 70, 74, 215: K Marshall 74, 73, 68, K Pearce (Aus) 76, 70, 69; A Brighouse 76, 68, 71; S Waugh (Aus) 74, 68, 73, E Orley (Switz) 72, 70, 73; D Barnard 71, 70, 74, C Hjalmarsson (Swe) 71, 69, 75

DAYTON: Women's tournament: Second round scores (US unless stated) 137: J Inkster 69, 68. 140: P Hurst 70, 70. 141: T Hanson 67, 74 142: M Redman 72, 70, T Green 71, 71; L Walters (Can) 68, 74. D Ammaccapane 68, 74. 143: A Finney 73, 70; A Nicholas (GB) 72, 71; S Farwig 71, 72; M Spencer-Devlin 70, 73; P Sheehan 70, 73: M Lunn (Aus) 70, 73 144: L Neumann (Swe) 76, 68; A Munt (Aus) 72, 72. 146: H Dobson (GB) 74, 72; D Coe-Jones (Can) 71, 75 147: C Matthew (GB) 72, 75. 148: S Maynor (GB) 74, 74.

HOCKEY

BRISBANE: Sixth test: Australia 5 England 0 (Australia win six-match series 5-0)

PORTSMOUTH: Norwich Union county championship: Quarter-finals: RAF 1 Berks 5, Kent 8 Derbys 1, Suffolk 0 Yorks 6. Notts 3 Durham 0. Semi-finals: Kent 2 Notts 2 (Kent won 3-2 on pens): Yorks 3 Berks 0 Final: Yorks 3 Kent 2. Under-21 championship: Semi-finals: Notts 7 Cheshire 1: Essex 0 Gloucs 2. Final: Notts 8 Gloucs 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Semi-finals: Pittsburgh 3 New Jersey 2 (Pittsburgh lead best-of-seven series 1-0)

MOTORCYCLING

NÜRBURGRING: German grand prix 500cc: 1. D Beattie (Aus, Suzuki) 46min 01.392sec; 2, L Cadalora (It, Yamaha) 46:11.266; 3, S Itoh (Japan, Honda) 46 11.359; 4, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 46·13 098, 5, A Puig (Sp, Honda) 46:13.791. World championship standings (after five races): 1, Beattie 99pts; 2, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 70; 3, Puig 67. 4, Cadalora 66; 5, Criville 61. 250cc: 1, M Biaggi (It, Aprilia) 43min 39.378sec; 2, T Harada (Japan, Yamaha) 43·40 986; 3, T Okada (Japan, Honda) 43:48.998; 4, K Roberts (US, Yamaha) 43·49.248, 5, J-P Ruggia (Fr, Honda) 43 49.786 World championship standings (after five races): 1, Harada 98pts; 2, Biaggi 93; 3, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 74; 4, N Aoki (Japan) 56. 125cc: 1, H Aoki (Japan, Honda) 42min 40.574sec; 2, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 42:41.245; 3, E Alzamora (Sp, Honda) 42·42.631; 4, S Perugini (It, Aprilia) 42:52.262; 5, D Raudies (Ger, Honda) 42:56 047. World championship standings (after five races): 1, Aoki 100pts; 2, Perugini 53; 3, K Sakata (Japan, Aprilia) 49, 4, Alzamora 47, 5, Ueda 44

MISANO: World superbike championship: First race: 1, M Lucchiari (Italy, Ducati); 2, C Fogarty (GB, Ducati): 3. T Corser (Aus, Ducati), 4, P Chili (It, Ducati). 5, F Pirovano (It, Ducati). Second race: 1, Lucchiari, 2, Fogarty; 3, Corser; 4, Chili; 5, P Bontempi (It, Kawasaki) Championship standings: 1, Fogarty. 2, Lucchiari; 3, Corser.

REAL TENNIS

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND: Women's championship: Singles: S Haswell bt S Jones 6-4, 6-2; P Lumley bt K Allen 6-3, 6-1.

ROWING

ESSEN REGATTA: Men: Coxless pairs: Lithuania 7min 11sec; 2, Great Britain (Walker/Hunt-Davis) 7min 13sec Coxed fours: Great Britain (Leander/Molesey/Star) 6:39. Lightweight: Coxless pairs: France 7 22. 2, Great Britain (Helm-Ellis) 7·23 Coxless four: Germany 6 34 3 Great Britain (Nottingham/London) 5 40 Double scull: Austria 6 42 5 Great Britain (Haining/Smith) 6 43 Women: Coxless four: Great Britain (Thames) 7 05 Lightweight: Coxless fours: Great Britain (Thames Tradesmen/London Univ/Grosvenor/Bedford) 7 23 Sculls: US 8 32; 5, Great Britain (Appelboom) 8 47

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Premiership Final

Leeds 12 Wigan 69

Leeds: Tries: Evres, Innes Goals: Holroyd 2. Wigan: Tries. Connolly 3, Radlinski 3, Betts, Edwards Hall, Haughton, Paul, Skerrett Goals: Botica 10 Drop goal: Farrell. Att: 30 160

Second division

Huddersfield 6 Keighley 26

Huddersfield: Goals: Pearce 2 Drop goals: Kerry, Austin Keighley: Tries: Eyres, Pinkney. Powell, Wood. Goals: Irving 4, Drop goals: Ramshaw 2 Att: 30,000

JJB Sports Academy Challenge Cup Final

St Helens 46 Wigan 10

St Helens Academy: Tries. Haigh 3, Hayes 2, O'Loughlin 2, McAtee Newall. Goals: Waterworth 4, Briers. Wigan Academy: Tries: Barrow, Cardiffon Goal: Long. Att: 15,000.

(all at Old Trafford)

WINFIELD CUP: Tenth round: North Sydney 9 Brisbane 18 Illawarra 20 Sydney B 22.

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

South Australia 9 England A 66

(in Adelaide)

South Australia: Penalty goals: Elliott 3 England A: Tries: Evans 2, Naylor 2, Fowler, Gomarsall, Hull Sims. Sleightholme, penalty try Conversions: Grayson 5 Penalty goals: Grayson 2

SHINTY

BANK OF SCOTLAND MACTAVISH CUP: Final: F William 1 Kingussie 2. Bank of Scotland Glasgow Celtic Society cup: Final: Inveraray 2 O Camanachd 1 Mactavish juvenile cup: Final: Beauly 0 Kilmallie 6 Valerie Fraser cup: First round replay: Kilmallie 0 Lochcarron 2. Glenmorangie qualifying cup: Final (South area): Glenorchy 4 Strachur 0 Bulloch cup: Semi-final: Bute 5 Kintyre 0 Skeabost horn: Semi-final: Glasgow University 1 Tayforth 3

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA 300m championships: Standard rifle: 1, A Campbell 575/97 2, C Weeden 575/96. 3, C Hockley 573. Free rifle: 1, Campbell 593. 2 N Brasher 588 3 M Scrivens 582 Aggregate: 1 Campbell 1,168; 2, Hockley 1,148; 3, C Trotter 1,132.

BISLEY: Surrey RA schools meeting: Epsom cup (eights). 1, RGS Guildford 482; 2, St John's Leatherhead 454; 3, Cheltenham 442 Individual: R Maclean (Hurstpierpoint) 62 Cadet pairs: 1, Cheltenham 88; 2, Rugby 87; 3, RGS Guildford 86 Veterans plate. 1, O Epsomians 480 68. 2, O Guildfordians 476 53. 3, O Johnians 467 43 Individual: 1, P Patel (O Epsomians) 99 15

SQUASH

BIRMINGHAM: National club championships: Finals: Men: Colets Club (Surrey) 4 Durham 1 Women: Edgbaston Priory 3 Lee-on-Solent 2

TENNIS

ROME: Italian open: Semi-finals: S Bruguera (Sp) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 6-4, 6-4, T Muster (Austria) bt W Ferreira (SA) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3

BERLIN: German open: Semi-finals: M Maleeva (Bul) bt N Zvereva (Belo) 6-4, 7-6. A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 Final: Sánchez Vicario bt Maleeva 6-4, 6-1

CORAL SPRINGS: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: T Woodbridge (Aus) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 1-6, 7-5, 7-5 G Rusedski (Can) bt J Frana (Arg) 7-6, 6-4.

BOURNEMOUTH: British women's clay court championships: Final: L Richterova (Cz) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3

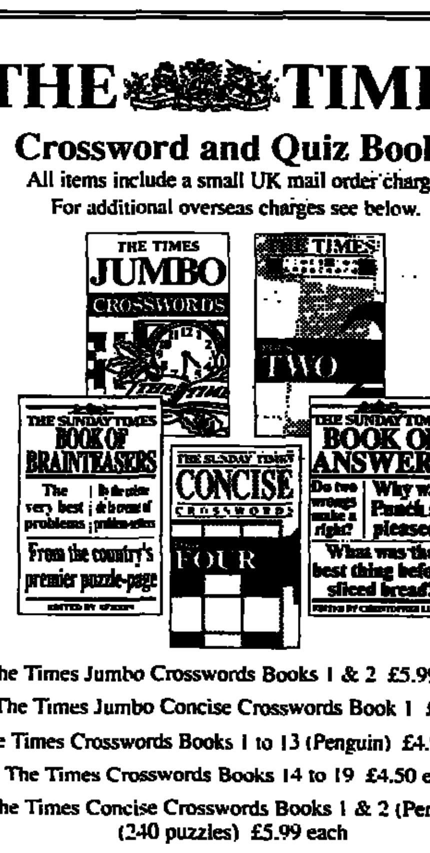
NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE: Men: Premier division A: Holcombe Brook 0 Castle Farm 6; Newlands 2 David Lloyd Bushey 4; Banbury West End 6 W Bridgford 0 Premier division B: David Lloyd Raynes Park 6 David Lloyd Heston 0, David Lloyd Finchley 4 R Berks 2, Clearview 0 Winchester 6 Women: Premier division A: Edgbaston Priory 6 Huddersfield 0. Bramhall Pk 6 Newlands 0; Gosling 3 Holcombe Brook 3 (Holcombe Brook win 7-6 on sets) Premier division B: Millfield 0 Clearview 6; Caversham 3 Globe 3 (Caversham win 8-6 on sets), Winchester 2 Queens Club 4

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(* denotes home side)

GOLF

GRAFTON MORRISH TROPHY: Northern area: Qualifying scores: Bolton 85pts. Birkenhead 79; St Bees 78; Pocklington 73, Hymers 71. Non-qualifiers: Bury GS 71, Ampleforth 71; Sedbergh 71, Nottingham 68; King William's 66; St Peter's 54, Hulme GS 48.

TENNIS

Repton 6 RAF 0; Repton 6 Nottingham HS 3: Repton 7 Cambridge University 1

SATURDAY'S RACING RESULTS

NEWBURY

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f 8yd) 1, Amazing Bay (L Dettori, 7-1); 2, Watch Me (7-1), 3, Mountain Valley (25-1). Yamuna 10-11 fav. 11 ran. NR: Be My Bird. ½, 2½l. I Balding. Tote: £9.10; £2.10, £2.00; £8.50. DF: £25.20. Trio: £33.00. CSF: £49.41. No.2 Be My Bird (50/1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 does not apply Tote

2.30 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Korambi (B Doyle, 12-1); 2, High Standard (4-1); 3, Grey Shot (6-1). Hardy Dancer 6-5 fav. 7 ran. ¾l, ½l. C Brittain. Tote: £12.00; £3.30, £1.90. DF: £14.70. CSF: £53.07.

3.00 (1m 5f 61yd) 1, Escarpment (J Reid, 9-1); 2, Sadler's Image (7-4 fav); 3, Linney Head (5-1). 6 ran. NR: Blazing Joe, Linpac West. ¾l, nk. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote. £10 70; £3.00, £1.40. DF: £11.00. CSF. £24 42.

3.30 (7f 64yd) 1, Forest Cat (J Reid, 5-1 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Hagwah (11-2); 3, Rosebud (11-2). 15 ran. 1¼l, hd. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £4.90; £2.50, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £11.20. Trio: £11 40. CSF: £30.38. Tricast: £145.09. Tote

4.00 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Danjing (C Rutter, 4-1); 2, United Force (9-2); 3, Woodcrest (16-1). Artful Dane 3-1 fav. 12 ran. Hd, 1½l. P Cole Tote: £5.70; £1.80, £1.90, £4.40. DF: £16 10. Trio. £245.10. CSF: £20.76. Tote

4.30 (6f 8yd) 1, Bayin (R Street, 14-1); 2, Colway Rake (10-1); 3, Thatcherella (9-2); 4, Master of Passion (25-1). Barossa Valley 10-3 fav. 16 ran. NR: Be Warned, Humbert's Landing. Shd, 1¼l. M Usher. Tote: £17.50; £2.90, £2 50, £1 50, £7.70. DF: £88.30. Trio: £70 50. CSF £138 65 Tricast: £672.72 Tote

5.00 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Mountains of Mist (J Reid, 5-4 fav); 2, Synan Queen (9-1); 3, Dr Zhivago (16-1). 11 ran. Shd, 5l. R Charlton Tote. £2.20; £1 10, £2.20, £2.50. DF: £9 30 Trio: £55 90. CSF. £13.25 Tote.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,215.17 carried forward to Newbury on Sunday).

Quadpot: £44.70.

Placepot: £568.30.

THIRSK

Going: firm (good to firm in places)

2.15 (5f) 1, Sweet Robin (D Holland, 10-1); 2, First Fiddler (4-7 fav), 3, Elmswood (11-2). 10 ran. 2l, 3½l M Johnston Tote £16.50; £2.50, £1.10, £1.50. DF £14.70 Trio £11.20 CSF £18.69. Tote

2.45 (5f) 1, Standown (J Carroll, 3-1); 2, Just Lady (2-1 fav); 3, Never Think Twice (7-1). 7 ran Shd, nk. J Berry Tote: £4.20; £2.20, £1 70 DF: £3.90. CSF £9 06.

3.15 (1m) 1, Ihtiram (W Carson, 8-11 fav); 2, Steady Ready Go (13-2); 3, Lynkos (5-2). 5 ran. NR. Dance Band. Dom One. 3l, nk. J Dunlop. Tote: £1.60; £1 10, £2.30. DF. £5.40. CSF. £5.89.

3.45 (7f) 1, Celestial Key (D Holland, 9-1); 2, Jato (6-1); 3, Samatian (14-1), Knave's Ash 7-2 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, ½l. M Johnston. Tote: £12.60; £4.60, £2.30, £5.00. DF: £35.50. Trio: £333.00. CSF: £80.71. Tricast: £701.75. Tote

4.15 (1m) 1, Gospel Song (P McCabe, 12-1); 2, Pc's Cruiser (20-1); 3, Intendant (12-1); 4, Bollin Frank (20-1). Shifting Moon 4-1 fav. 17 ran. 2½l, shd. W Kemp. Tote: £15 40; £4 10, £5.40, £5.00, £6.40. DF: £190.60. Trio: £711.60 - part won. Pool of £310.81 carried forward to Newbury 2.00 tomorrow. CSF. £230.37 Tricast: £2,697.25. Tote

4.45 (5f) 1, Double Quick (J Weaver, 5-2 fav); 2, Shaahi (10-1); 3, Just Dissident (16-1). 8 ran. 1¾l, shd. M Johnston. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £2.60. £2.10. DF: £22.90. CSF: £26.87 Tricast: £318.44. After a stewards enquiry; the placings remained unaltered.

5.15 (1m 4f) 1, Haniya (W Carson, 9-4); 2, Flame War (9-4); 3, First Amendment (2-1 fav). 7 ran. 2l, 1¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.42. After a stewards enquiry. the placings remained unaltered.

Placepot: £831.60.

Quadpot: £87.00 part won (pool of £105.84 carried forward to Newbury on Sunday).

LINGFIELD PARK

6.00 1, Cayman Kai (11-8 fav); 2, Tarf (9-4); 3, Hurricane Dancer (33-1). 7 ran.

6.30 1, Lift Boy (9-1); 2. Harry's Coming (9-2), 3, Sunshine Belle (20-1) Windrush Boy 10-3 fav. 15 ran. NR. Absolutely Fabulous.

7.00 1, Dancing Heart (10-1): 2, Wandering Minstrel (9-1); 3, Apollono (10-1): 4, Balance of Power (14-1) Nordic Doll 3-1 fav. 16 ran.

7.30 1, Ffinth (7-1); 2, Duosky (8-1), 3, Scenic Dancer (25-1); 4, Prince Danzig (6-1). Krayyan Dawn 3-1 fav. 16 ran.

8.00 1, Triquetti (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Moscow Mist (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Lion Tower (5-1). 14 ran.

8.30 1, Paris Babe (5-2 fav); 2, Bouche Bee (9-2); 3, Takhlid (9-2). 15 ran.

HAMILTON PARK

6.20 1. Aquado (8-1); 2, Crystal Loop (12-1); 3, Serious Hurry (25-1); 4, Daily Starshine (10-1). Tee Tee Too 11-2 fav. 18 ran.

6.50 1, Red River Valley (2-1); 2, Double Diamond (7-4 fav); 3, Marjorie Rose (3-1). 6 ran.

7.20 1, Thorntoun Jewel (3-1); 2, Imprimis (3-1); 3, Homeland (16-1). Monsieur Culsyth 15-8 fav. 7 ran. NR: The Butterwick Kid.

7.50 1, Noyan (7-4 fav); 2, Mentalasanythin (5-2); 3, Mac Rambler (50-1) 11 ran.

8.20 1, Lord Advocate (20-1); 2, Monkey Wench (11-2); 3, Preston Guild (11-4 fav); 4, Gold Desire (5-1) 18 ran.

8.50 1, Embracing (1-5 fav); 2, Sayyed Alraqs (4-1); 3, Prince Equiname (14-1). 5 ran.

SOUTHWELL

11.50 1, New Inn (8-11 fav); 2, Astral Invasion (3-1); 3, Viceroy Ruler (9-2) 6 ran.

12.20 1, Dawn Chance (5-2); 2, Pennine Pass (11-2); 3, Mabthul (25-1). Come On Dancer 2-1 fav. 6 ran.

12.50 1, Baylord Prince (7-2), 2, Rustino (8-1); 3, Authorship (9-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Corporate Member

1.20 1, Lie Detector (9-4 fav); 2, Powder Boy (9-2); 3, Mirage Dancer (20-1). 10 ran

1.50 1, Dawn Flight (6-1); 2, Heresthedeal (7-4 fav); 3, Kaifoon (9-2). 10 ran. NR Dear Emily

2.20 1, Final Hope (8-1); 2, St Gregory (7-1); 3, Park Drift (4-1) Bright Burns 11-8 fav 11 ran.

2.50 1, Your Risk (8-1); 2, Hatcham Boy (3-1 fav); 3, Joshua's Vision (7-2). 14 ran.

BANGOR

11.35 1, Russian Empire (8-1); 2, Trecento (16-1), 3, Kassyid (12-1); 4, South Westerly (100-30 fav). 16 ran.

12.05 1, Balda Boy (10-1); 2, My Nominee (7-2), 3, Ru Valentino (33-1). Solar Green 9-4 fav. 16 ran.

12.35 1, Robert's Toy (3-1); 2, Mabroor Yafooz (7-2); 3, Faal Mario (7-4 fav). 12 ran. NR: Rainbow Walk.

1.05 1, Super Sharp (5-2 fav); 2, Final Ace (4-1); 3, Mighty Merc (25-1). 8 ran. NR: Thistle Princess.

1.35 1, Monty Royale (11-2); 2, Bold Acre (7-2); 3, Ambassador Royale (7-1). Prerogative 5-2 fav. 7 ran.

2.10 1, Bally Parson (9-4 fav); 2, Elite Reg (11-2); 3, Le Piccolage (33-1). 9 ran.

2.40 1, Anglesey Sea View (14-1); 2, Coole Hill (10-11 fav); 3, Seymourswift (66-1) 17 ran. NR: Landsker Star. placings remained unaltered. Tote.

FAKENHAM

6.10 1, Lorcanjo (12-1); 2, Must Be Magical (6-1); 3, Roger's Pal (7-1) Inzar 4-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Always Alex.

6.40 1, Duncan (3-1); 2, Richard Hunt (5-4 fav); 3, As You Were (14-1) 9 ran

7.10 1, Magsood (4-1): 2, Miss Fern (7-2); 3, Chichell's Hurst (4-1). Turpin's Green 3-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: War Counsel.

7.40 1, Laughing Gas (9-4 fav); 2, Polden Pride (13-2); 3, Stormtracker (9-1). 11 ran.

8.10 1, Just Jack (9-2); 2, Pamela's Lad (5-1); 3, Couture Quality (12-1). River Melody 11-10 fav. 8 ran.

8.40 1, Dark Nightingale (6-1); 2, Aramon (9-1); 3, Bee Moy Do (6-1). Prime of Life 6-4 fav 9 ran. Tote.

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POINT-TO-POINT

COLLEGE VALLEY AND NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND (Alnwick): Confined: 1, True Fair (A Robson, 9-4); 2, No Joker (Ire), 3, Hill Ryde 6 ran. Rest: 1, Castle Gem (P Atkinson, 5-4 fav); 2, Hallo Sensation, 3, Pennine View. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Fettle Up (Miss S Brotherton, 9-4); 2, Doxford Hut: 3, Hellcatmudwrestler. 6 ran. Open: 1, Miss Enrico (K Anderson, 4-7 fav); 2, Valassy; 3, Fast Study 10 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Jads Lad (R Pullar, 7-1); 2, Eastlands Monkey: 3, Hooter Syd. 12 ran. Hunt: 1, Blue Moon (R Jeffries) finished alone.

YSTRAD (Bassaleg): Hunt: 1, Adanac (R Rowsell, 8-13 fav); 2, Luderman; 3, Shirley Crepella. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Billy-Gwyn (J Tudor, 4-5 fav); 2, Proud Drifter; 3, Construction King. 10 ran. Confined: 1, Rocket Run (D Duggan, 4-6 fav), 2, Lucky Ole Son, 3, Rhonda Valley. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Handsome Harvey (Miss P Jones, 1-2 fav); 2, Parkbhride, 3, Mount Falcon. 7 ran Open: 1, Royal Saxon (D Duggan, Evens fav), 2, January Don; 3, Daisy Miller. 5 ran. Open Mdn (Div I): 1, The Foolish One (M Jackson, 7-4 fav). 2, Benuad. 3, The Fun Of It. 8 ran. Open Mdn (Div II): 1, Tudor Oaks (S Shinton. 10-1), 2, Maytown; 3, Shared Fortune (Ire). 8 ran

DULVERTON WEST (Bratton Down): Hunt: 1, Slievenamon Mist (G Maundrell, 1-2 fav); 2, Sullivans Choice; 3, Elegant Bar. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Chilipour (G Maundrell, 4-5 fav); 2, Desert Waltz (Ire), 3, Rapid Rascal. 15 ran. Open: 1, Moss Castle (A Crow, 4-6 fav); 2, Pere Bazille; 3, Celtic Spark. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Daybrook's Gift (Miss N Allan, 12-1); 2, Searcy; 3, Treble Chance. 7 ran. PPOA: 1, Earl Boon (Miss P Curling, 2-1); 2, Scally Muire; 3, Tangle Baron. 10 ran. Open Mdn (Div I): 1, Manor Bound (I Dowrick, 10-1); 2, Marion's Own (Ire); 3, Erme Rose (Ire) 15 ran. Open Mdn (Div II): 1, All Over The Gaff (G Barfoot-Saunt, 5-1); 2, Morchard Milly; 3, Noble Minister. 13 ran.

FOOTBALL

FA Cup

Final

EVERTON (1) 1 MAN UTD (0) 0
Rideout 30
79,592

Scottish play-off

First leg

ABERDEEN (1) 3 DUNFERMLINE (0) 1
Glass 40 Robertson 49
Shearer 56, 87 79,592

Welsh Cup

Final

CARDIFF (0) 1 WREXHAM (2) 2
Dale 77 Bennet 18 (pen), 36
12,810

Kirkin Cup

JAPAN (0) 0 SCOTLAND (0) 0
24,566

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Pegasus Juniors 5 Bicester 0. First division: Bishops Cleeve 12 Yarnton 1, Easington Sports 1 Hallen 2, Letcombe 1 Purton 4; Milton 3 Wantage 1; Wootton Bassett 2 Headington Amateurs 2.

SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: First division: Badsey 1 Massey Ferguson 1: Hams Hall 3 Wilmcote 3, Southam 1 Dudley Sports 0

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Tottenham 1 Fulham 4

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 5 Leasowe Pacific 2: Kidderminster 4 Langford 3.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Ghent 0 Anderlecht 2, Standard Liege 2 FC Bruges 0, Liege 1 Lommel 2; Ekeren 2 Lierse 4; Cercle B 1 Aalst 1, Ostend 2 Beveren 1, RWDM 1 Seraing 0; Charleroi 0 Antwerp 0; Sint Truiden 2 Mechelen 0.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Utrecht 0 S Rotterdam 0. NAC Breda 2 Heerenveen 3; Nijmegen 3 Willem II Tilburg 1, Maastricht 3 Dordrecht 3; Volendam 3 Roda JC Kerkrade 3, Vitesse Arnhem 3 FC Twente Enschede 1; PSV Eindhoven 4 RKC Waalwijk 2

FRENCH LEAGUE: Lyons 1 Strasbourg 0. Paris Saint-Germain 1 St Etienne 0. Auxerre 3 Lens 0, Cannes 2 Monaco 2. Lille 1 Bordeaux 0; Metz 3 Sochaux 0. Caen 2 Le Havre 2. Rennes 5 Martigues 1, Nice 0 Montpellier 0, Bastia 2 Nantes 2

GERMAN LEAGUE: MSV Duisburg 3 Kaiserslautern 2. Bayern Munich 0 Karlsruhe 1. Dynamo Dresden 2 Schalke 04 1, Werder Bremen 6 Bayer Uerdingen 1, VFL Bochum 4 VfB Stuttgart 0; Freiburg 1 Borussia Dortmund 1: FC Hamburg 0 FC Cologne 4; Bayer Leverkusen 0 Munich 1860 2

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bari 2 AS Roma 2; Cremonese 3 Padova 0; Fiorentina 6 Torino 3, Genoa 3 Foggia 0; Inter 1 Cagliari 2; Juventus 4 AC Parma 0; Lazio 1 Sampdoria 0; Reggiana 2 Brescia 0

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Torino	32	11	9	12	40	47	42
Padova	32	12	3	17	35	54	39
Cremonese	32	10	8	14	30	32	38
Genoa	32	9	9	14	32	48	36
Foggia	32	8	9	15	30	47	33
Reggiana	32	4	5	23	23	51	17
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Juventus are champions

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Tirsense 1 Benfica 3: Sporting 1 Chaves 0; Salgueiros 1 Porto 2; Estrela Amadora 1 Guimaraes 1. Boavista 1 Gil Vicente 1: Beira Mar 1 Setubal 1, Belenenses 1 Farense 0; Uniao Madeira 2 Maritimo 2; Braga 2 U Leiria 0.

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AUSTRALIAN POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA: First division: Bentleigh 4 Richmond 0, Broadmeadows 1 Oakleigh 3; Clarinda 2 Northcote C 1, Croydon C 4 Westgate 2; Frankston P 0 Caulfield C 1; Lalor U 3 Thomastown 0, Western 1 Knox C 0. Second division: Altona C 0 E Altona 3, Chelsea 3 Ringwood C 2; Clifton Hill 0 Waverley 1, E Brunswick 5 Regent 2: E Richmond 0 Moorabbin 4; Mooroolbark 1 Bell Pk 2; Springvale W 1 Nunawading 0 Third division: Eltham U 1 Seaford U 3, Fitzroy 1 Sunbury 0; Keilor 1 Pascoe Vale 0; Melbourne C 0 South Dandenong 2; S Caulfield 1 Banyule 3; S Wembee 3 Sandringham 1, West Vale 3 Frankston 1 Fourth division: Brighton 0 S Wantirna 1: Corio 0 Monbulk 0, Cranbourne 2 Stonnington 2, Doveton 2 Langwarrin 2; Geelong 1 N Coburg 1; Sun Heights 0 Yarraville 2; Williamstown 0 S Springvale 2 Fifth division: Ballarat 1 Moreland 2: Brandon Park 2 Lalor 4, Dandenong 1 Glenroy 2, Geelong R 0 Melton 2, Knox Park 1 Heidelberg C 5: Old Scotch 1 Mitcham 0: Springvale C 3 N Sunshine 0. Sixth division: Berwick C 2 Lyndale U 2: Braeside 0 Hampton Pk 2; Broadmeadows U 0 Keysborough 6: E Nunawading 1 Hoppers C 2; Mornington 2 Monash 1, N Glenroy 2 Meadow Pk 2: S Yarra 2 Brunswick C 1. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First division: Bayswater 1 Perth 1. Swan IC 2 Sorrento 1. Second division: Ashfield 2 Southside 1; Bassendean 0 Nth Perth 2: Melville 1 Cockburn 0; Morley 2 Kingsway 2: Rockingham 0 Dianella 1, S Vardar 0 Balcatta 2. Third division: Three Balga 2 Armadale Pk 3, Joondalup 3 Perth City 3; North Lake 4 Queens Pk 3; S Vasto 3 W Yugal 1; Wanneroo 1 Bunbury 4. SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Premier league: Campbelltown 1 Port Lion 1; Croydon 1 Adelaide R 1; Salisbury 0 Blue Eagles 0; Woodville 5 Modbury 1. First division: Adelaide City 2 WT Birkalla 0; Cumberland 0 W Adelaide 2; Noarlunga 1 Para Hills 2; Olympians 1 Seaford 0; Plympton 0 Elizabeth 2. Second division: Eastern Sub 1 Ignatians 0; Flinders 1 Univ (SA) 2; Hellenic 0 Messinian H 1; Rodos 0 CBC City 2; St Peters 1 Raiders SC 3 QUEENSLAND: Third division: Annerley 2 Redlands 1; Newmarket 1 Capalaba 5. Fourth division: Loganholme 2 Redcliffe 5, Samford 4 Ipswich 1; Southside 3 Pine Hills 1; Western S 4 Oxley 0 TASMANIA: North: Premier league: Launceston 13 Somerset 0, St Leonards 1 Western Sub 1; Ulverstone 0 Burnie 0: Georgetown 0 Knights 2. South: First division: Dosa 4 Taroona 3; Howrah 3 Phoenix 2; Rapid 1 University 3, White Eagle 1 Metro 7.

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Nottinghamshire boasts fine record in promoting local talent to national stage

Boundary markers of sporting excellence



John Goodbody investigates the links between birthplace and achievement in professional sport

England and Wales have proud traditions of producing fine sportsmen — but where is the richest breeding ground to be found? A survey, which has been carried out for *The Times*, reveals that if you want to increase the chances of your son being a professional footballer, then he should be born in South Yorkshire. If you want him to play county cricket, then he should be born in Somerset.

However, if you want to hedge your bets, try to arrange the birth in Nottinghamshire, which has the best average record for producing outstanding players in England's two national team games.

The survey, which relates appearances in first-class cricket and football to county populations, shows that East Anglia lags behind other regions. Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and even Essex are all below the national average in producing talent.

The success rates are radically different for the two games. In cricket, Somerset comes off best with Buckinghamshire third. But both counties are in the bottom five for football. This contrasts with the North of England and North Wales, where the counties that score well at football are generally marked low for cricket. North Yorkshire proving the notable exception.

In football, the criterion for selection is at least one appearance in the Carling Premiership or Endsleigh Leagues in season 1993-94, achieved by a total of 2,066 players. The county populations have been taken from the 1971 census.

In cricket, the survey takes in players born since 1950 who have made at least one appearance in the first-class game — a total of 958. The county populations are take from the 1961 census.

The "per capita rate", listed on the adjoining ranking lists, signifies the number of players born in a county per 100,000 population. The "per capita index" shows how each county compares with the average figure for England and Wales, which is given the value of 100. So the Somerset index of 265 means that Somerset produces first-class cricketers at a rate 2.65 times the national average.

Together with the North-East, which supplies three of the top five placings, Yorkshire has always been a breeding ground of leading footballers. David Seaman, the Arsenal and England goalkeeper, is one example.

Clive Baker, the director of youth coaching at Sheffield Wednesday, recalls when Sundays were marked by continuous games on waste ground, with players joining and leaving the game at will.

"There always was this tradition and it stemmed from the fact that there was not a lot of money about and not much else to do," he said. "Times have changed but South Yorkshire remains a stronghold of Sunday football. Kids are brought up on football hereabouts. It is a way of life.

"Now we have centres of excellence. At Sheffield Wednesday, we have up to 40 kids, who are specially selected for training twice a week. We also have "conference" games against youngsters of other local clubs like Sheffield United and Barnsley. There are no trophies and no pressure on the lads. We can field players at will, substitute them and re-substitute them if necessary."

A similar system is practised in Nottinghamshire, where the feats of Forest in winning the Football League championship and European Cup in the late 1970s and the charismatic presence of Brian Clough inspired many youngsters. Andy Cole, for whom Manchester United paid a British record £7 million this year, and Chris Sutton, the £5 million Blackburn Rovers striker, were both born within the county.

> 'Kids are brought up on football. It's a way of life here'

Mick Raynor, the Forest youth development officer for the past 12 years, said: "We have a happy spirit here and we do emphasise the educational side. Players have come through the youth policy and there is a real emphasis on producing our own material. "We have a large community programme and were one of the leaders of "conference" football. In addition, we have four training sessions a week, with youngsters from the ages of ten to 16 training at the club."

The production of cricketers from Nottinghamshire is also not surprising, given that England's famous fast-bowling partners, Harold Larwood and Bill Voce, were both born in the county. Bruce French, the wicketkeeper, was the last Nottinghamshire-born player to be recognised by England at Test level while three of the current county squad — Andrew Pick, Paul Pollard and Robert Chapman — are locally born. David Millns, who plays for Leicestershire, and Kevin Cooper, now with Gloucestershire, also hail from Nottinghamshire.

Bob Millar, the assistant director of leisure services for Nottingham County Council, said: "There is a good development programme for cricket, which has been copied by other counties. Members of the county team go into the schools during the winter. We also have a cricket festival and mini-cricket festival for youngsters during the summer.

"The county team also had two outstanding role models during the 1980s, Richard Hadlee and Clive Rice, just as it was beginning this initiative. This is now bringing results with youngsters coming into the county side."

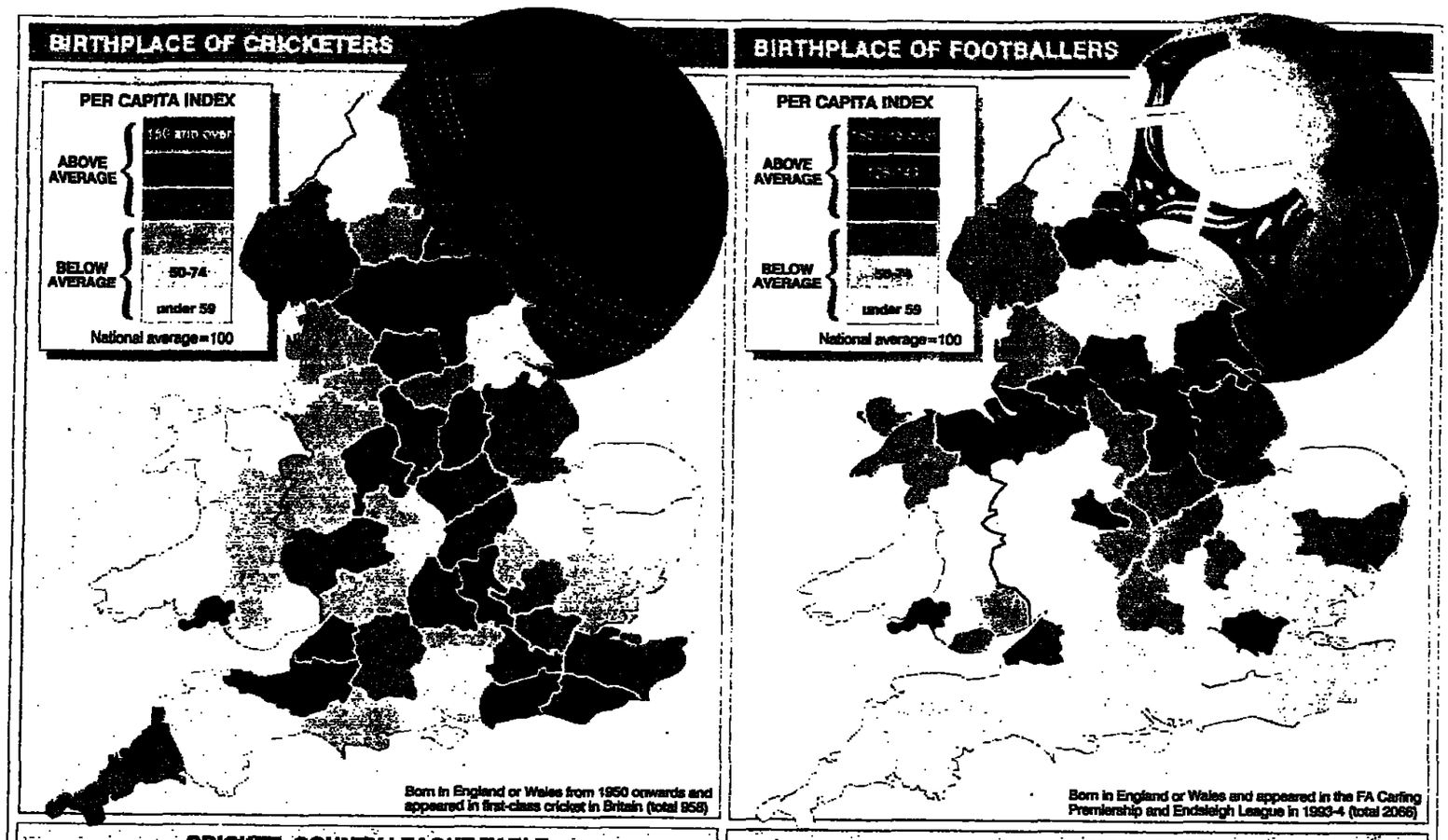
Millar pointed out that Nottinghamshire was not just renowned for the two national team games. "We have over 80 people who have represented Britain at senior or junior level in other sports, including the rowers and canoeists, who train at Holme Pierrepont, and the international swimmers at Nova Centurion."

Somerset's flow of professional cricketers — Richard Harden, Harvey Trump, Jeremy Hallett, Keith Parsons and Matthew Dimond of the current squad were born in the county — may be partly due to youngsters having role models, such as Ian Botham, Vivian Richards and Joel Garner, during the late 1970s and early 1980s. "Although none was born in the county, they were an inspiration for youngsters growing up at the time," Julian Wyatt, the county's youth development officer, said. "We also have a large number of public schools in the area, who play cricket to a high standard, such as Millfield, King's College and Queen's College, Taunton, and Taunton School. The state schools are also improving and we have primary schools competitions with both hard and soft balls. Because we are a small county, the players and the club are very accessible to the public. Not having a top-class football club in the county means that cricket and rugby are the main interests for youngsters."

West Glamorgan places highly in both cricket and football. Graham Davies, the national services director at the Sports Council of Wales, said: "The South Wales junior cricket league boasts it is the biggest in the country and there is a tremendous following for Glamorgan, even if much of it is an inert following."

In football, Swansea, the biggest city in the county, has produced footballers of the calibre of the Allchurch and Charles brothers and Cliff Jones. Dean Saunders is an outstanding example among contemporary players.

East Anglia must look with envy to the rest of the country, although as Dr Anita White, the acting director of national services at the Sports Council, points out: "Rural communities, with the villages spread out, are difficult areas to carry out sports development work. "Transport is more difficult and, although Norwich and Ipswich have been leading football clubs, there is no first-class cricket in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk or Suffolk. People do identify with local successes."



Born in England or Wales from 1950 onwards and appeared in first-class cricket in Britain (total 958)

Born in England or Wales and appeared in the FA Carling Premiership and Endsleigh League in 1993-4 (total 2066)

CRICKET: COUNTY LEAGUE TABLE

Rank	County of birth	Players	Per capita rate	Per capita index	Rank	County of birth	Players	Per capita rate	Per capita index
1	Somerset	19	5.59	265	28	Mid Glamorgan	10	1.93	95
2	West Glamorgan	17	4.64	223	29	Cheshire	14	1.92	92
3	Buckinghamshire	15	3.97	191	30	Gloucestershire	8	1.88	90
4	Nottinghamshire	32	3.55	171	31	Tyne and Wear	23	1.85	89
5	Avon	29	3.50	168	32	Essex	15	1.72	83
6	West Sussex	16	3.25	156	33	West Midlands	47	1.72	83
7	North Yorkshire	18	3.13	151	34	South Yorkshire	22	1.69	81
8	East Sussex	18	3.07	148	35	Shropshire	5	1.66	81
9	Northamptonshire	12	3.01	145	36	Lancashire	23	1.67	80
10	Oxfordshire	12	2.98	143	37	Dorset	8	1.60	77
11	Surrey	26	2.87	138	38	Greater Manchester	43	1.58	76
12	Kent	33	2.75	133	39	Bedfordshire	6	1.57	75
13	North Yorkshire	33	2.64	127	40	Humberside	11	1.38	66
14	Staffordshire	22	2.59	125	41	Devon	11	1.34	64
15	Gloucestershire	18	2.56	123	42	Hampshire	15	1.30	63
16	Hertfordshire	20	2.54	122	43	Warwickshire	5	1.29	62
17	Wiltshire	10	2.38	114	44	South Glamorgan	7	1.06	51
18	Cornwall	8	2.33	112	45	Isle of Wight	1	1.04	50
19	Cleveland	12	2.28	110	46	Dyfed	3	0.95	46
20	London	182	2.28	110	47	Gwynedd	2	0.94	45
21	Derbyshire	19	2.24	108	48	Merseyside	18	0.93	45
22	Hereford & Worcester	11	2.24	108	49	Cambridgeshire	4	0.92	44
23	Lincolnshire	10	2.13	103	50	Norfolk	5	0.86	43
24	Cumbria	10	2.13	102	51	Northumberland	2	0.73	35
25	Durham	12	1.98	95	52	Gwent	3	0.71	34
26	Powys	2	1.96	94	53	Suffolk	3	0.64	31
27	Berkshire	10	1.93	93	54	Clwyd	4	0.61	29
						ENGLAND AND WALES	958	2.08	100

FOOTBALL: COUNTY LEAGUE TABLE

Rank	County of birth	Players	Per capita rate	Per capita index	Rank	County of birth	Players	Per capita rate	Per capita index
1	South Yorkshire	123	9.30	219	28	Suffolk	17	3.19	75
2	Cleveland	52	9.16	216	29	Hertfordshire	29	3.14	74
3	Merseyside	142	8.57	202	30	Devon	28	3.12	74
4	Durham	49	8.07	190	31	Hampshire	42	3.06	72
5	Tyne and Wear	83	6.86	162	32	Hereford & Worcester	17	3.04	72
6	Nottinghamshire	64	6.57	155	33	North Yorkshire	19	3.03	71
7	West Glamorgan	22	5.89	139	34	Berkshire	19	3.01	71
8	Clwyd	20	5.58	132	35	Shropshire	10	2.97	70
9	West Midlands	155	5.55	131	36	Essex	46	2.96	70
10	Greater Manchester	148	5.42	128	37	Northumberland	8	2.86	68
11	Avon	48	5.08	120	38	Wiltshire	13	2.67	63
12	Cheshire	41	4.73	112	39	Mid Glamorgan	14	2.63	62
13	London	352	4.72	111	40	Cambridgeshire	13	2.57	61
14	Humberside	39	4.65	110	41	Kent	33	2.36	56
15	West Yorkshire	88	4.29	100	42	Dorset	12	2.16	51
16	Gwynedd	9	4.08	96	43	East Sussex	14	2.16	51
17	Lancashire	51	3.78	89	44	Powys	2	2.02	48
18	South Glamorgan	14	3.59	85	45	Surrey	19	1.90	45
19	Lincolnshire	18	3.57	84	46	Isle of Wight	2	1.83	43
20	Derbyshire	31	3.50	83	47	Staffordshire	17	1.76	42
21	Bedfordshire	18	3.45	81	48	Norfolk	11	1.76	41
22	Northamptonshire	16	3.41	81	49	Gloucestershire	5	1.07	25
23	Oxfordshire	17	3.41	80	50	Somerset	4	1.04	24
24	Cumbria	16	3.36	79	51	Buckinghamshire	4	0.84	20
25	Warwickshire	15	3.29	78	52	Cornwall	3	0.79	19
26	Leicestershire	28	3.25	77	53	Dyfed	2	0.63	15
27	Gwent	14	2.17	75	54	West Sussex	2	0.34	8
						ENGLAND AND WALES	2066	4.24	100

CRITERIA: Because there are more professional footballers than cricketers, criteria for inclusion in the two surveys were different. Had only one season been used for cricket, too few players would have been included for significant county rates to be calculated. The per capita rate and per capita index allow for the different county populations.

PER CAPITA RATE: signifies the number of players born in a county per 100,000 population taken from the 1961 census (1971 in the case of footballers).

PER CAPITA INDEX: measures how each county compares with the average figure for England and Wales, which is given the value of 100. For example, the per capita index of 265 for Somerset in the cricketers table means that Somerset produces first-class players at a rate 2.65 times the national average. Lancashire's index of 80 means that it is 20 per cent below the national average

DATA: RICHARD POLLARD



French and Trump, wicketkeeper and bowler, who play for the counties in which they were born

Seaman and Cole, goalkeeper and striker, from areas renowned for producing leading sportsmen

Fighting for a view dilutes 'feel-good' factor

Oliver Holt joins the crowds intent on seeing the world's leading woman player in action

It was a day when everything seemed rosy in the Garden of England. Even the drive to Chart Hills golf club was a joy. Not much traffic on the M25, a minor miracle in itself, and then a short hop across Kent in the crisp of early morning, through the picturesque villages of Goudhurst and Biddenden to the site of the women's Ford Classic.

Journey over, there followed an event of more wonderment, an encounter with that rare species, the good-humoured, happy car park attendant. Not just one either, but several of the chief parker's colleagues, generous with their directions and their bonhomie. Perhaps they are indigenous to Kent.

It was a short walk to the club and there was no queue to get in. Once through the main gates, the first sight was of a long line of golfers hitting mighty shots in my direction, swinging relentlessly, trying to get the shanks, the hooks and the slices out of the system and appearing to be succeeding.

This was a new experience for me, the first golf tournament. Like going to Wimbledon for the first time and being struck by the fact that it was essentially just like all the small junior tennis tournaments I had played in, that it was a competition not just a spectacle, so this, too, was a thrill.

Watching golf on television is a piecemeal, disjointed affair, flitting from hole to hole, pairing to pairing, never really being allowed to fix on one player's progress and lose yourself in the drama of their personal struggle. At Chart Hills on Saturday, particularly before Laura Davies teed off in mid-morning, it was different.

Armed with a bread roll groaning with grilled bacon that kept me occupied until the second green, I set off with the day's first pairing, Fiona Pike and Gillian Stewart, who had barely made the cut the night before. They both hit perfect drives off the 1st tee, prompting gasps of awe from the small crowd. It suggested some were new, if willing, converts to women's golf.

They both made birdies on the 1st and when Stewart hit her approach shot to the 2nd into a deep, lovingly raked bunker, I already felt loyal enough to be disappointed for her. When she chipped out in a flail of sand, straight into the hole with one bounce, those of us who had not crept back to the 1st to await the arrival of Davies felt like lucky mascots.

In the end I succumbed, too, and abandoned them for a sighting of the woman who is acknowledged as the leading female player in the world. It was the most exercise I have had since I ran for the No 6 bus in London some time in January, something else that contributed to the "feel-good" factor still welling up inside me.

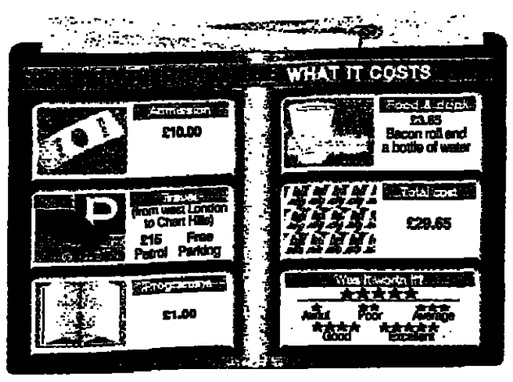
The only downside, really, was that the course mirrored the characteristics of its designer, Nick Faldo. It tried hard with untidy woods here and there and the odd half-hearted lake but it was synthetic rather than naturally beautiful.

Davies was still hitting balls with all her might on the practice ground where a sizeable crowd had gathered. By the time she made it to the 1st tee, there were hundreds of eager spectators armed with deckchairs and umbrellas, grouped around it, ready to follow her around the course.

Somehow it didn't seem quite as much fun as watching Pike and Stewart, not as exclusive. It was uplifting to watch Davies blast her way round the course, hitting drives that made the others look like novices, bringing herself within sight of a course record 64, but the experience was diluted by fighting for a good view.

She blew it on the 16th with two wayward putts and flung her visor across the green before drop-kicking her ball into a pond. That put the icing on the cake. For the hackers who spend their rounds cursing and bemoaning their lack of talent, it was nice to see at first hand that even the best can be made to suffer.

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Needy England fight back

BY RICHARD EATON

ENGLAND'S thrilling comeback from the edge of defeat and the verge of relegation produced a loud call for more money from the manager, Ciro Ciniglio, a nerve-racking revenge for Darren Hall and a triumphant return for Gillian Gowers, who helped to complete the 3-2 win over Thailand at the world badminton championships in Lausanne late on Saturday night.

The recovery from 2-0 down ensured England will be in the top group of the Sudirman Cup team event when the next world championships are held in Glasgow in 1997 and also provided a platform for Ciniglio to make a perennial plea for better funding.

"If we had half the money of the leading countries we would do very well," Ciniglio said. "This was a brave performance, and I was proud of the way we fought back.

"Some of our players have received plenty of criticism over the past couple of years and this proves we are still good enough to compete at a high level." England's chances of staying among the elite looked to have disappeared when the European men's doubles champions, Chris Hunt and Simon Archer, were beaten in three games by the world eighth-ranked pair of Thongsari and Teerawiwatana to give the Asians a 2-0 lead.

The fightback was begun by Julie Bradbury and Joanne Wright, whose win over Plungvech and Boonyart may increase their belief that they can win a women's doubles medal in individual events this week. It was continued by Hall, who survived a long match of brinkmanship 15-12, 13-15, 15-7 against Sompol Kukasemkij, the man who beat him at the last world championships in Birmingham, and completed by Gowers in partnership with Chris Hunt.



Hall: beat Kukasemkij

Gowers, the former All England finalist, was only summoned into action on the morning of the match because last year's All England mixed doubles champion, Nick Ponting, went down with sinus problems. She and Hunt beat Siripong and Boonyarat 15-6, 15-8, giving Gowers some compensation for being omitted from the Commonwealth Games.

Susi Susanti, of Indonesia, the Olympic and world champion, regarded by some as the greatest women's player, suffered a startling 3-11, 11-5, 11-5 defeat by the Asian Games champion, Bang Soo-Hyun. However, Indonesia still beat the holders, South Korea, to reach the final.

Results, page 30

John Goodbody submits to judo, one of the sports at which Britons excel and a true test of mind and body

Throw yourself into a new way of life

JAMES MORGAN



"In judo, there is immediate physical contact. You learn about yourself." A British fighter and his Italian opponent get to grips in an under-18 schools international at Crystal Palace Sports Centre

Judo is not just Britain's most successful sport over the past six Olympic Games. The fighters jostling for supremacy at the European Championships (which ended in Birmingham last week) were just the elite, accustomed to hours of practice, lifting weights and running up and down hills carrying logs on their backs.

Beneath them, sometimes literally, during training, are thousands of other people for whom the Japanese martial art is an engrossing contrast to the pressure of their work and studies. For children, too, it is ideal as a method of physical education, formalising the rough-and-tumble of play.

Many people become so enamoured with the activity that they develop an interest in the Japanese language and culture and visit the country where, in the late 19th century, Dr Jigoro Kano developed judo from the ancient self-defence styles of ju-jitsu.

SPORT FOR ALL

The typically British judo product is Terence Donovan, the fashion photographer. "If I am away on location abroad for longer than a week, I get edgy," he says. "I need to have a pull-around.

"In judo, there is no shield. There is immediate physical contact. You learn about yourself when you are faced by an enormous bloke with every other tooth missing, salivating at the thought of pushing you through the mat."

However, sessions, particularly those involving children, are carefully controlled. There is none of the spontaneous violence and unpleasant fouling which mars so many sports, simply because the aggression in judo is channelled into the activity.

The fighters also practise with partners of a suitable size — there are seven weight categories for men and women — and ability. Men and women sometimes practise together in clubs but seldom in elite training sessions.

Judo benefits from a special grading system. The kit, which is like a loose-fitting suit without buttons or zips, is fastened by a belt, the colour of which denotes the holder's expertise. There are the *kyu* (or pupil) grades — white, yellow, orange, green, blue and brown — and the *dan* (degree) grades, beginning with a first *dan* black belt.

Improvement is judged at gradings, when fighting ability and technical knowledge are assessed. Contests are won outright by throwing an opponent cleanly on his back, holding him immobile or forcing him to submit to armlock or strangle hold. Armlocks and strangles are banned in competition for anyone below the age of 16 and everyone is taught to fall safely.

The Japanese had always propagated the theory that size was immaterial to the sport.

MARC ASPLAND



Black belt Terence Donovan throws John Goodbody

But a Dutchman, Anton Geesink, destroyed that engaging idea, which lured thousands of small men eager to take revenge on bullies. Geesink was not only big — 6ft 6in and 20 stone — but extremely skilful. In the most celebrated moment in the sport, the 1964 Olympic final in Tokyo, he held down the 16 stone all-Japan champion Akio Kaminaga while his teammates openly cried on the edge of the mat.

Muscle bulk does help in open combat, but Donovan practised for years with Neil Adams, the British team manager and former world light-middleweight champion, who was almost half his size. "I never moved him," Donovan says. "The principle of judo is simple. If A and B are pushing towards each other then A reverses and so adds B's strength to his own because he is moving two forces in the same direction. Instead of resisting, he harnesses his opponent's strength."

This does not mean that judo is not physically demanding. Donovan terms it "ferociously energetic. For the first six months of training the only thing I could move when I woke up was my eyelids." Fighters spend hours building up strength, stamina, subtlety and skills: rehearsing throws and then trying to carry them out in combat situations. They learn to block and counter throws, skate from holds and strangles.

Judo is, of course, an excellent method of self-defence. Donovan was once attacked, in Rome, by a group of muggers. He subdued them — and people in a bus queue nearby applauded. Many people are also attracted by the Japanese tradition of developing mental as well as physical excellence. A prime example is Trevor Leggett, a venerated eighth *dan* who writes and speaks Japanese fluently. He is president of the Budokwai in south Kensington, London, where Donovan trains. Leggett has always tried to encourage his pupils to acquire an understanding of Japanese culture and history. After all, the techniques and instructions are in Japanese, so an ambience is created to encourage links with the Orient. So is respect between opponents, who bow to each other ceremoniously before and after contests.

"Parents like judo because of the discipline it brings to their children," Donovan says. For many youngsters, the sport will lead them to a lifetime of physical and mental exploration.



Self-defence as fun

JUDO is a cheap sport to pursue, but it is important to join a club that is a member of the British Judo Association (BJA). This helps to ensure that the instruction you receive is to the correct standard.

Write to the BJA, 7a Rutland St, Leicester, LE1 1RB (telephone 0116-255 9669 or fax 0116-255 9660) for a list of the clubs in your area. Many have special tuition for beginners and children.

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☐ The Budokwai, 4 Gilston Rd, South Kensington, London SW10 (telephone 0171-370 1000 or 2088) is the oldest and the best-known club in Europe, the producer of many internationals.

It charges an annual membership fee of £45 for seniors and £35 for juniors with seniors paying a further £3 for each visit and juniors £2. Smaller clubs often charge less.

☐ To compete in either a championship or a grading, the fighter needs a BJA licence, which costs £18.50 for a senior and £11 for a junior.

☐ The only other outlay is for a suit (a *judogi*) which can often be obtained second-hand. The cost of the suit begins at £10 for a child's size and £30 for an adult's.

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TODAY

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, final day of four

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Warwickshire

HOVE: Sussex v Essex.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three). Felling: Durham v Surrey. Swansea: Glamorgan v Yorkshire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex. Canterbury: Kent v Sussex. Harrow: Middlesex v Northamptonshire. Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire. Solihull CC: Warwickshire v Hampshire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Leicestershire

FOOTBALL

CANADA CUP: Canada v Northern Ireland (at Edmonton, Canada, 9.30)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Welsh women's amateur championship (Aberdovey).

TENNIS: Women's tournament (Edinburgh)

TOMORROW

CRICKET

TEXACO TROPHY ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (55 overs): Trent Bridge: England v West Indies

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (four days): Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Glamorgan.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Final: Ajax v AC Milan (Vienna).

KIRIN CUP: Tournament: Ecuador v Scotland (Toyama).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship qualifying tournament (Birmingham)

RACING: Goodwood (flat, 2.10), Newcastle (flat, 6.30), Salisbury (flat, 6.15), Worcester (2.25)

RUGBY UNION: Victoria v England A (Melbourne).

TENNIS: Women's tournament (Edinburgh).

THURSDAY

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (four days): Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex. Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire. Portsmouth: Hampshire v Sussex. Liverpool: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Durham. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset. Sheffield: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days): The Parks: Oxford University v Derbyshire.

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (55 overs): Canterbury: Kent v Sussex. Walsall: Minor Counties v Leicestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire.

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CUP: Pool A: Australia v South Africa (Cape Town).

FOOTBALL

CANADA CUP: Chile v Northern Ireland (Edmonton, Canada).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division play-off, second leg: Dunfermline v Aberdeen.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship qualifying tournament (Birmingham):

GOLF: English women's amateur championship (Ipswich).

RACING: Goodwood (flat, 2.10), Newcastle (flat, 2.25), Exeter (6.15), Uttoxeter (6.30).

TENNIS: Women's tournament (Edinburgh)

FRIDAY

CRICKET

TEXACO TROPHY ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (55 overs): The Oval: England v West Indies.

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (55 overs): Durham City CC: Durham v Lancashire. Walsall: Minor Counties v Warwickshire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire. Castleford: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CUP: Pool D: Ivory Coast v Scotland (Rustenburg), France v Tonga (Pretoria). Pool A: Canada v Romania (Port Elizabeth).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship qualifying tournament (Birmingham).

GOLF: PGA championship (Wentworth); English women's amateur championship (Ipswich)

HOCKEY: Women's international: Spain v England (Madrid).

MOTOR SPORT: World superbike championships (Donington Park).

RACING: Brighton (flat, 2.10), Haydock Park (flat, 2.0), Nottingham (flat, 2.20), Pontefract (flat, 6.45), Towcester (6.25).

TENNIS: Women's tournament (Edinburgh)

SATURDAY

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CUP: Pool B: Italy v Western Samoa (East London): Argentina v England (Durban). Pool C: Japan v Wales (Bloemfontein): Ireland v New Zealand (Johannesburg).

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Third division: Play-off final: Bury v Chesterfield (Wembley)

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Final: Airdrie v Celtic (at Hampden Park).

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Scottish Claymores v Barcelona Dragons (WLAF, Edinburgh).

ATHLETICS: BUPA international road race (Portsmouth)

BASKETBALL: European championship qualifying tournament (Birmingham).

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation welterweight championship: Eamonn Loughran (GB) v Angel Beltre (Dom Rep). Super-middleweight: Chris Eubank (GB) v Bruno Ruben Godoy (Arg) (both in Belfast).

GOLF: PGA championship (Wentworth); English women's amateur championship (Ipswich)

HOCKEY: Women's international: Spain under-21 v England (Madrid)

MOTOR SPORT: World superbike championships (Donington Park).

RACING: Doncaster (flat, 2.20), Haydock Park (flat, 2.0), Kempton Park (flat, 2.10), Lingfield Park (AW and turf, 6.10), Warwick (flat, 6.20), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.0), Catmel (2.0), Hexham (2.15).

SWIMMING: British grand prix final (Cardiff)

TENNIS: Women's tournament (Edinburgh).

SUNDAY

CRICKET

TEXACO TROPHY ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (55 overs). Lord's: England v West Indies.

AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE (40 overs): Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex. Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire. Portsmouth: Hampshire v Sussex. Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Glamorgan. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Durham. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset. Sheffield: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (two days): Kidmore End: Berkshire v Shropshire. Sleaford: Lincolnshire v Hertfordshire. Colwyn Bay: Wales v Herefordshire. Swindon: Wiltshire v Devon

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Play-off final: Bristol Rovers v Huddersfield (Wembley)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship qualifying tournament (Birmingham).

GOLF: PGA championship (Wentworth); English women's amateur championship (Ipswich).

HOCKEY: HA Cup: Final: Reading v Teddington (Canterbury). Women's international: Spain v England (Madrid).

MOTOR SPORT: World superbike championships (Donington Park)

RUGBY UNION: Queensland v England A (Brisbane)

SWIMMING: British grand prix final (Cardiff)

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Bridge lost one of its greatest players when Giorgio Belladonna died ten days ago. His record in top-level tournament play was unsurpassed, with three wins in the World Olympiad Teams and no fewer than thirteen in the Bermuda Bowl between 1957 and 1975. He was the only player to have participated in all sixteen Italian world victories.

This deal occurred towards the end of the final of the 1975 Bermuda Bowl (Italy against North America):

Dealer East — **North-South game.** — **Teams**

	♠QJ8 ♥AJ965 ♦K82 ♣AQ	
♠7852 ♥K432 ♦J53 ♣K10	N W E S	♠43 ♥Q1087 ♦Q1064 ♣764
	♠AK109 ♥— ♦A97 ♣J98532	

Contract: Seven Clubs. Lead: the two of spades

Belladonna (South) and his partner, Benito Garozzo, reached the clearly unsound grand slam in clubs after eight rounds of bidding. You must, however, bear the tactical situation in mind. Italy had, at the half-way stage, trailed by no fewer that 77 IMPs and had staged a magnificent recovery to near equality.

According to contemporary reports, Belladonna's normally impassive face was a mixture of despair and anguish as he viewed dummy. With the fortunate lie of the trumps, however, all thirteen tricks were made and Italy went on to win the match. At the other table the contract had been Six No-Trumps — again not the best spot, but safe enough as the cards lay.

In fact there had been scope for the defenders against the grand slam. Suppose Eddie Kantar, as West, had followed to the first trump lead with the king? (He actually played the ten.) Would declarer have placed East with 10 7 6 4, and tried to pick up the ten with a trump reduction play? Giorgio was asked afterwards what would have happened. His reply was: "The North Americans would be world champions today."

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Genius defeated

In the much heralded showdown between Garry Kasparov and the Pentium Genius in Cologne at the weekend, the world champion defeated the silicon brain by one win and one draw in a two game match. The Pentium Genius, programmed by Richard Lang, the British computer expert, had sensationally defeated Kasparov by the same score in a tournament in London last year. The computer is able to analyse over 6 million positions per minute.

Kasparov's win in the first game came about as a result of his ability to exploit the computer's greed for material. Richard Lang claimed that his program could have won the game and indeed on move 23 the computer could have played 23 ... Qb3 while on move 25 its desire to snatch pawns led it into difficulties when 25 ... Qa2 would have preserved its advantage. Thereafter, although the computer was several pawns ahead Kasparov's grip on the position proved to be decisive.

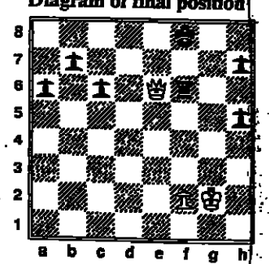
White: Garry Kasparov.
Black: Intel Pentium.
Cologne, May 1995

Slav Defence

1	c4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	Nc3	a6
5	c5	g6
6	Bf4	Bg7
7	h3	0-0
8	e3	Nbd7
9	Bd3	Ne8
10	Rc1	f6
11	e4	e5
12	cxe5	Nxc5
13	exd5	fxe5
14	Be3	Nxd3+
15	Qxd3	e4
16	Qxe4	Nf6
17	Qc4	Nxd5
18	Nxd5	Be6
19	0-0	Bxd5
20	Qg4	Bxf3
21	gxf3	Qd5
22	Rcd1	Qxa2
23	Rd7	Rf7
24	Rfd1	Qb3
25	R1d3	Qxb2
26	Qc4	Ra8
27	Rxf7	Rxd7
28	Rd8+	Bf8
29	Bh6	Qa3
30	Qe6	Qc5
31	h4	Qb4
32	f4	Qb1+
33	Kh2	Qb4
34	Kg2	Qa3
35	h5	gxh5
36	f5	Qb4
37	Rxf8+	Qxf8
38	Bxf8	Kxf8
39	f6	Rxd6

Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FLABELLATION
a. Middle-aged spread
b. Rumour
c. Fanning

VERMIAN
a. Worm-like
b. A purple cuttlefish pigment
c. Corrupt

GLABROUS
a. Hairless
b. Flattering
c. Fatty

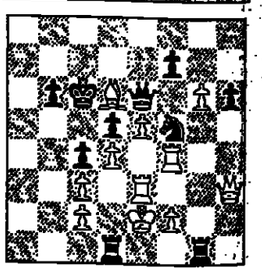
QUEER PLUNGER
a. A gay bird
b. A confidence trickster
c. A synchronised swimmer

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Smyslov - Botvinnik, Leningrad 1941. Black could content himself with capturing the white rook on e3 with his knight but he actually has a much stronger continuation. can you see it?



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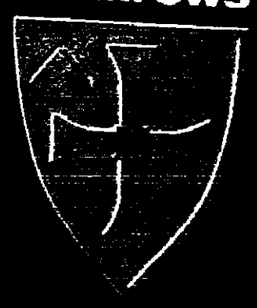
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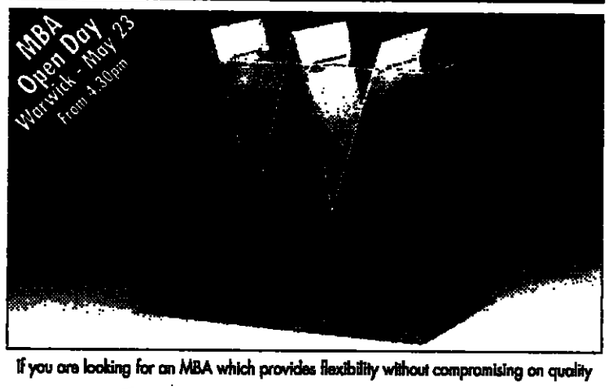
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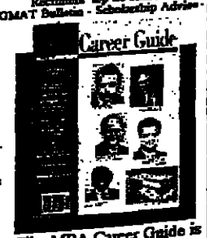
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EDUCATION

Few pupils in British schools learn to speak a foreign language competently. **John Bald** looks at the reasons for this failure

Let's talk to the world

Five schools are expected to be named next month as England's first specialist language colleges, as the Government attempts to tackle the nation's shortcomings in mastering other tongues. An Ofsted report published this month shows just how far there is to go.

The report is, surprisingly enough, the first comprehensive review of inspection evidence on modern languages ever published. Inspectors have given their views on good practice, and there have been paragraphs in general surveys, but this is the first time that all the available evidence has been subject to detailed public analysis. The report is based on 735 independent inspections monitored by Her Majesty's Inspectors, and on a further 60 carried out by HMI itself. It paints a sad picture. Despite all the efforts that have been made in the past 20 years to make modern languages accessible to all pupils, pupils' response in the early stages remained "markedly better" in upper ability than in lower, middle and mixed ability groups, and there was a general falling-off of standards in the third year.

> Pupils' responses to modern languages were markedly better in the upper ability range

Thereafter, matters deteriorated. A third of lessons with less able pupils were unsatisfactory, and achievement generally, in speaking just as much as in reading and writing, was hampered by lack of the grammatical understanding required to construct more than a minimal response to a question. The enthusiasm shown in beginners' classes was seen less frequently, there was "insufficient progression" from the earlier years of secondary school, and often "pupils were not making significant progress in using language skills". By the time they reached the sixth form, while the most able pupils were able to construct an argument effectively and to produce an "impressive" standard of writing, others had serious problems in adjusting to A-level demands.

The situation, like that obtaining in basic literacy, is rooted in the long-standing strategic error in dealing with under-achievement which has now been recognised by the Labour leadership as well as the Government. In the early 1970s, when *The Times Educational Supplement* compared the failure rate in modern languages with the casualty lists at Passchendaele, the pupils who failed were often those who had not established competence in basic reading and writing, and who were then not able to use these skills effectively in learning, practising and retaining a second language. The emphasis on accuracy in foreign languages for pupils who had not developed it in English appeared to put achievement beyond the reach of most, and, as in the most radical English teaching, it was the emphasis on achievement itself that was seen to be the root of the problem. It was inherently divisive, and the solution was to emphasise involvement instead of achievement.

Unfortunately, this "involvement of the many" was not matched by the identification of any realistic pattern of achievement for them, without which the most imaginative approach to a language cannot sustain interest. Thus Ofsted found a distinct drop in standards, interest and involvement in the third year of secondary school, after which standards reached their nadir, with over a quarter of lessons unsatisfactory.

In the sixth form, the proportion of satisfactory work recovers to 89 per cent, but the number of pupils plummets. In 1994, there were 394,000 candidates for all languages at GCSE, and just 18,000 at A level, of whom little more than a quarter were boys. At this stage, the established pattern of successful teaching of successful pupils is largely unchanged — there are just very few successful pupils.

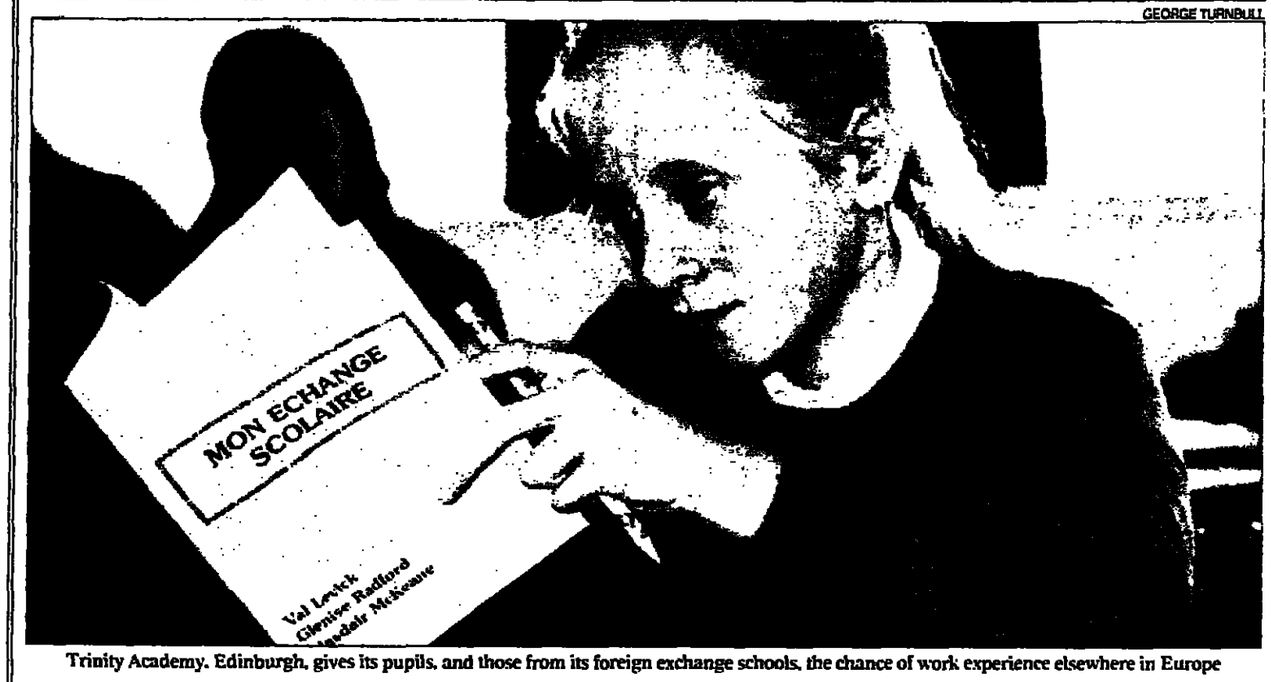
However, in foreign languages as in literacy, there has never been a golden age, and many of the pupils who failed in the past were not competing on equal terms. They rarely enjoyed the contacts of the wealthier with native speakers, and could not sustain their interest by experience of foreign countries as a source of social and intellectual pleasure. The new regime has, however, added to the inequality, too often creating or tolerating a *Grange Hill* atmosphere in which hard-working pupils suffer taunts of "boffin" or worse, and in which educational visits are more likely to focus on hypermarkets and theme parks than on conversation.

The Ofsted report gives clear and pragmatic indications of how we might learn from these mistakes. It describes setting, the grouping of pupils by ability in the language, as "helpful to learning", but argues that it needs to be supported by careful differentiation to ensure that all are given appropriate work — very few schools "planned or catered for the special needs of the most able". Better use needs to be made of video and computers, assessment needs to be tightened up, so that there is less emphasis on pupils' attitudes and effort and more on their actual standards of attainment, and there is a need for greater consistency in teaching methods, particularly in the GCSE years. There is, however, room for doubt as to whether this will be enough. The implicit rejection of mixed-ability teaching is significant, but the report leaves a great deal riding on the new national curriculum, when it remains to be seen whether its 'model' provides a realistic framework for progression over a five-year course. The revised wording will not greatly disturb those who still preach involvement at the expense of achievement, and it gives no encouragement to teachers who believe it is at times valuable to use English to explain more difficult aspects of the language.

At the very least, detailed research is needed to measure the actual progress of pupils of differing abilities over three and five years, and to analyse sixth-form teaching, in which the first two terms have often become a compressed old-style O-level course. Ofsted, however, detects a consistently positive influence from it, and it is, for the next five years, the best curriculum we have. We can only hope that the continued emphasis from Ofsted on what pupils can do will encourage a more realistic approach and enable us, in modern languages as in literacy, to begin the long haul back.

SCOTTISH SCHOOL WINS AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE APPROACH

GEORGE TURNBULL



Trinity Academy, Edinburgh, gives its pupils, and those from its foreign exchange schools, the chance of work experience elsewhere in Europe

A RECENT LinguaTel survey revealed that 74 per cent of calls in French, German or Italian to the switchboards of Britain's top 100 exporting companies were abandoned, resulting in lost sales. One Scottish school is doing its best to make sure that its pupils, at least, will be language-literate.

Most schools have foreign exchanges. Trinity Academy, Edinburgh, has gone several steps further: it offers its students — and those from exchange schools in France, Holland, Denmark and Sweden — foreign work experience, with the aim of turning them all into participating Europeans.

Alexa Brain, the academy's European co-ordinator, spends much of her time matching the students' career interests with work experience. One Scottish student, for example, spent time at a hospital in Holland. "Today I watched three operations," her report reads, and it goes on to describe them. After the third ("rather gory") operation, the sight of blood no longer worried her. Now she is studying medicine at Aberdeen University. Other Scottish students have played professional football in Denmark, and worked in newspapers, radio stations and local government. In return, a Dutch student was found a place with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, and other placements for foreign students have been made in engineering and commerce, the police, air traffic control, a veterinary practice, a distillery, a shortbread factory, the botanical gardens and a hospital.

"The European Community is not for the exclusive use of the academically gifted," says Peter Galloway, the school's headmaster. "Our programme allows all of our students to experience different trades and professions so that they will gain confidence sufficiently to work and live there as Europeans, which is what they are. For too long the chattering classes have hijacked the debate. Europe is now a reality and we must grasp the opportunity to be part of it."

Dutch, Swedish and Danish are not formally taught in the academy, although French is. But special classes are provided to equip the students with conversational and survival skills, so they can quickly learn how to communicate. Joint educational projects are also encouraged before the exchanges take place. Working on a common theme, the students study the effects of waste disposal, pollution or how local government works in their own countries, and are able to compare authoritative notes when they finally meet.

From modest beginnings in 1991 the programme has expanded beyond recognition, and won the school a £1,000 Department of Trade and Industry prize last month. "Communicating across cultural barriers," said Sir Peter Parker, who presented the award, "means entering the mindset, and even the heart, of other peoples — understanding what makes them tick."

The five primary feeder schools to Trinity Academy are now beginning a project that links them to Europe and the school: they are following the lives of a fictitious Italian family moving into the area.

GEORGE TURNBULL

How to choose an MBA

These days students must pick a course with care, says **George Wright**



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Ten years ago, there were 25 MBA courses to choose from in Britain. Today there are more than 90. The number of continental business schools has also risen sharply: in the mid-1980s there were 25, compared with more than 300 today. In America, 275,000 students are enrolled on MBA courses and 75,000 graduated last year.

Twenty years ago, an MBA guaranteed a good job in the US, most likely in consultancy or finance. Nowadays, it is not so clear cut. The question employers ask is no longer "Do you have an MBA?" but "Where did you get it?"

The growth of part-time MBAs in Britain means that the employed manager can choose an evening course near by, rather than taking one by distance learning. But the nearby courses may be located at low-prestige institutions, making one of the 17 distance-learning programmes on offer in the UK a sensible choice.

Some MBAs are taught entirely at a distance: students never meet colleagues or visit their campus. But others involve compulsory weekend schools or intensive seminars. Six of the 17 programmes accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA) — those at Durham, Henley, Kingston, Strathclyde, Warwick and the Open University — involve face-to-face contact between tutors and students. The personal contact probably is worth the hassle.

How then should the prospective student choose a course? The AMBA's stamp of approval would seem a logical first step. Experts will have visited the institution and satisfied themselves that the programme's contents and teachers are sound.

Another indication is whether the school produces first-rate teaching and research. In 1992, the higher education funding councils assessed the quality of business school research, and only six achieved the top grade: Bradford, Lancaster, London, UMIST, Strathclyde and Warwick. Since then, 19 schools have been rated as "excellent" for teaching.

The extent to which a business school teaches "executive programmes" to senior managers can be revealing, because these courses demonstrate that practising executives find what the school is teaching is useful. If the school teaches only undergraduates and MBAs, it is probable that people who know little about business are teaching students who also know little about business. Neither will recognise the deficiency.

Another criterion is the length of time the institution has provided MBA education. Although the qualification has been in Britain for 30 years, some institutions have only begun to offer the MBA recently. One reason for doing so has been to generate revenue: MBA tuition fees range from about £4,000 to almost £20,000.

Some institutions have used the income to build purpose-designed teaching rooms and facilities, while others have used it more generally. Be sure to attend an open evening for your proposed course and check out the facilities that you will be using.

Also investigate the publication and consultancy activities of MBA lecturers and professors. Distrust course brochures that give no details of the capabilities of those who will be teaching you. If a business school has staff with strong, high-level consultancy experience, who write the key academic or management-orientated books, they will shout about it in those brochures.

Obtain information by telephone on the number of different nationalities on last year's MBA programme, and inquire about their average age. Internationally recognised business schools will have many different nationalities within their student body, and you will benefit from this mix in the group work that is a necessary component of a good programme.

Average age is another good indicator of quality since a high average age means the students have greater management experience. Good MBA teaching uses this experience in class discussions: a class of 21-year-olds will have little insight into business beyond what a lecturer tells them, whereas experienced students will not tolerate lecturers without insights.

Finally, consider the amount of personal and managerial skills training within the MBA. The consensus among the management gurus is that organisations will become flatter with fewer levels of management. Additionally, businesses will become increasingly knowledge-based and composed, in the main, of specialists who, as professionals, want to direct and discipline their own performance. Managers of such businesses will have to manage in an environment of equals, and will have to find the right balance of co-ordination and control of people who want to work with the minimum of supervision.

In such future organisations, the "softer" skills of teamworking, adaptability, interpersonal behaviour and conflict resolution become of critical importance. An MBA may be poor value for money if teaching places little emphasis on group work, and consists of written material and standard lectures.

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BANKS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,210.50	Abbey Ntl	473	-11	4.7	9.8
1,933.10	Allied Irish	290	-4	4.8	8.4
3,263.10	Aus New Z	235	-6	4.8	8.6
11,157.20	Bank America†	3187½	-50	...	...
2,511.80	Bank Scotland†	214½	-5½	3.4	9.5
10,653.50	Barclays	650	-14	4.9	7.0
1,630.80	Bk of Ireland	343	-6	4.8	...
162.30	Cater Allen	498	...	7.1	10.3
12,503.60	Citicorp	3212½	...	...	...
258.00	Close Bros	271	+6	3.6	12.3
4,749.90	Commerzbk	£145½	-79⅞	3.8	...
39,978.70	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1281½	-59½	0.5	...
13,926.70	Deutsche Bk	£223⅞	-148⅝	2.5	...
186.90	Espirito Santo	875	+62½	9.5	...
41,785.10	Fuji Bank Y	1442½	-112½	0.4	...
221.60	Gerrard Ntl	455	-3	6.6	13.1
383.80	Hambros	206	-4	8.1	12.6
8,710.00	HSBC†	785½	-18½	4.3	11.3
13,646.10	HSBC HK†	778	-15	4.3	11.1
223.80	Irish Perm†	294	+1	2.6	6.8
19.20	Joseph (L)	363	...	6.1	10.6
17.90	King Shaxson	103	+3	10.9	10.2
913.80	Kleinwort Ben	681	+39	3.9	12.2
8,551.90	Lloyds	665	-10	4.8	11.3
7,442.70	Ntl Aust Bk	556	-22	6.5	9.1
9,418.80	Nat West	541	-7	5.0	8.1
121.20	Ottoman Bank	2425	+50	6.4	3.5
24.80	Rea Bros†	51	-1	2.5	18.7
3,182.00	Ryl Bk Scot	398	-4	4.6	9.5
1,680.60	Schroders▼	1113	+55	1.5	15.9
409.20	Schroders N/V▼	930	+7	1.8	13.2
178.80	Singer & Fried†	91	-1	4.8	...
3,194.20	Stand Chart†	331	+3	3.0	10.2
3,781.60	TSB	247	-6	4.8	10.5
27.70	Union	184	+1	3.6	...
1,679.80	Warburg SG	760	-12	3.7	...
5,682.60	Wells Fargo†	£170⅝	-18⅛	2.6	...
4,248.60	Westpac	232¾	-22¾	2.3	...
17.40	Wintrust	205	...	6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
43.90	Ascot Hldgs	159	...	...	...
4,647.50	Bass	554	-11	4.8	13.7
333.20	Boddington	274	+3	4.0	14.1
31.80	Burtonwd Brw	153	...	4.2	12.8
33.50	Eldridge P 'A'	162	+9	3.2	19.7
1,889.10	Fosters Brewing	59	+1	4.6	15.4
75.10	Fuller Sm 'A'	368	+3	2.7	15.2
871.20	Greenalls Grp	464	-11	4.6	13.3
221.30	Greene King	522	+12	3.1	12.4
50.80	Hardy Hanson	254	+4	4.6	12.4
3.71	Heavitree	160	...	3.5	11.4
98.00	Holt Jt	3160	-65	2.1	...
166.30	Mansfield	259	+2	2.2	15.8
287.30	Marston Thmp	297	+6	2.6	14.4
180.90	Morland	485	+10	2.9	14.0
9.14	Paramount†	7¾	-¼	4.0	18.3
57.90	Regent Inns	381	+2	1.9	22.3
4,977.70	SA Breweries	1771⅞	-109⅝	1.9	*
2,862.20	Scot & New	536	-18	4.3	15.3
318.70	Vaux Group†	227	+	5.5	12.8
191.80	Wetherspoon JD	537	...	1.7	24.4
2,750.40	Whitbread†	573	-2½	4.4	14.9
365.10	Wolverhmptn D	549	+15	3.2	14.2
98.00	Yates Bros	245	-9	1.9	19.3
13.30	Young 'A'	498	+3	4.1	19.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
56.20	Abbey	145	+10	4.5	10.6
58.50	Allen	175	+6	4.0	16.4
137.60	Amec†	68	-2	5.5	15.6
24.70	Andrews Sykes	173	+1	...	...
139.70	Ashtead	481	+9	1.6	19.7
35.70	Avesco†	82	...	6.7	...
1.25	Bailey (Ben) Const	31	...	4.2	7.6
7.11	Barcon	38	...	...	...
349.10	Barratt Devt	191	-3	4.3	13.4
421.20	Beazer Homes	150	+2	4.5	11.6
232.80	Bellway	238	-2	3.8	12.0
13.50	Bellwinch	30	...	0.8	16.1
259.10	Berkeley Gp	386	+4	2.3	12.3
27.00	Bell Bros†	180	...	3.5	5.6
56.60	Boot (Henry)†	217	+17	4.1	10.2
18.90	Brandon Hire	116	...	2.0	19.7
13.50	Br Bldg & Eng	120	...	8.3	16.5
371.20	Bryant	133	+7	4.7	12.6
52.30	CALA	121	...	3.1	13.8
5.47	Campbell & Arm	38	+1	...	...
6.64	Clarke T	54	...	9.4	13.4
59.50	Costain	11½	+¼	...	...
71.10	Countryside	93	-2	5.7	11.7
70.30	Crest Nicholson	71	+3	3.5	9.9
15.10	Cussins†	85	+2½	5.5	7.1
12.70	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	0.8	...
25.50	Eve Group	360	+37	5.3	10.6
16.00	Galliford	18	-2	6.9	...
1.50	Gibbs & Dandy	88	...	4.3	...
83.60	Gleeson (MJ)†	828	...	2.2	15.8
5.31	Green (Ernst)	69	-2	10.2	18.5
55.60	Havelock Europ	213	+1	1.8	18.2
405.20	Hewden-Stuart	176	+1	2.4	17.0
55.60	Higgs & Hill†	84	+6	3.7	...
4.16	Howard Hldgs	16	...	8.2	12.2
6.19	Jarvis	19½	+4½	...	...
67.80	Kellert	121	-3	3.2	12.4
93.40	Laing (J)†	204	+2	5.5	25.2
32.90	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	82	-½	9.8	...
10.60	Lon Clydeside	117	...	5.7	12.4
15.50	Lovell (YJ)	39	...	3.2	4.8
48.50	Maunders (J)	184	+9	3.5	10.7
115.40	McAlpine (A)†	187	+4	4.5	...
57.20	McCarthy & S	56	-2	...	16.3
15.00	Morgan Sindall	52	...	...	...
121.30	Mowlem (J)†	69½	-4½	3.6	31.4
252.30	Persimmon	216	+5	5.5	13.8
18.70	Pochins	1800	+87½	2.2	12.6
96.50	Prowting†	124	...	3.8	...
56.40	Raine Ind	30	+1	10.4	6.2
5.41	Secure Retire	52	+6	2.5	...
265.80	Redrow	120	-2	2.8	14.1
11.30	Swift-Rvr†	72	+6	1.7	22.1
38.60	Sherrif Hldgs	364	-1	2.0	15.2
5.80	Shorcot	92	-2	5.2	11.9
98.50	Spandex	305	...	1.8	21.2
47.60	Tay Homes	163	+4	5.1	11.4
455.00	Taylor Woodrwt	121	-3	2.3	22.0
156.50	Tilbury Dougls	463	...	9.4	18.0
9.30	Tonas Hm	56	...	2.9	19.6
12.50	Try Group†	18	...	6.9	25.3
46.20	Vibroplant	100	-3	4.7	17.9
70.30	Wardmores	113	+1	5.4	12.2
28.80	Ward Hldgs	51	+1	3.7	7.1
106.80	Westbury	160	+13	4.6	*
18.50	Wiggins	3¾	...	...	...
324.40	Wilson (C)†	170	...	3.3	12.6
329.70	Wilson Bowden†	353	+3	3.6	13.0
476.50	Wimpey G	132	+4½	5.2	16.0

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7.61	Albaghton	10½	+½	6.0	17.7
104.80	Alumasc	338	...	2.5	16.9
22.50	Amberley Gp	52	+1	3.0	26.8
1,557.80	BPB Ind	311	+25	3.4	15.9
53.50	Baggeridge Brk	132	+1	3.0	12.4
155.30	Baldon†	28	-1	8.9	16.9
14.90	Blockleys†	60	...	1.7	...
2,230.70	Blue Circle†	306	-8	4.8	18.9
24.70	Breedon PLC†	87	+4	6.9	12.2
21.30	Br Dredging†	121	...	5.8	14.6
1,370.60	CRH	389	-11	2.6	14.6
2.58	Calebread Rbyt	43	+1	2.9	...
106.60	Cape	197	...	7.0	14.3
1,578.70	Caradon†	264	...	4.5	13.5
231.30	Caradon pf†	139½	-½	7.1	...
1.86	Chieftain Gp	23	-1	16.3	8.6
1.95	Dyson (J&J)	118	...	3.7	17.5
8.90	Dyson 'A'	85	...	6.7	9.8
28.40	Eclipse Blinds	18½	+2	...	...
87.80	Epwin†	314	...	3.5	17.5
26.20	Erith	54	...	5.2	...
202.80	Galliers Grp†	177	-5	3.7	16.6
98.80	Halstead (J)†	326	+2	3.0	14.6
753.30	Hepworth†	310	-12	6.0	14.7
7.93	Hewitson	81	+1	2.3	14.1
8.06	Hewill (J)	79	...	2.8	...
250.30	Heywd Wms	281	+13	6.6	12.5
195.30	Ibstock†	78	...	2.4	28.5
34.50	Johnston†	325	+11½	3.8	*
25.60	Lilleshall†	90	+4	8.7	10.8
398.30	Marley▼	119	-8	4.9	10.6
176.40	Marshalls	144	+4	3.9	12.8
429.10	Meyer Int	340	-8	4.0	13.2
225.90	Newman Tonks†	177	+1	4.8	15.6
153.80	Novcros	88	-3	9.9	16.7
1.58	Phoenix Timber	16	...	...	...
1,453.80	Pilkington	182	-5	2.7	35.1
283.60	Polypipe	168	-1	1.8	17.7
2,156.20	RMC Grp†	1088	+10	2.6	15.9
1.92	Ramus	8	...	...	...
2,364.70	Redland†	458½	+½	4.6	14.5
21.10	Rosle▼	183	...	3.2	15.4
738.80	Rugby Group	118	-3	3.9	14.3
23.40	Russell (A)	101	...	3.1	14.9
198.80	SIG	248	+5	3.0	13.6
4.14	SMP	18½	-1	1.5	...
38.10	Sharpe & Fisher†	172	...	3.6	...
185.90	Spring Ram†	41	-1	1.5	34.2
1,178.40	Tarmac†	127	+1½	5.4	16.3
16.10	Tilon†	148	-½	3.9	11.9
308.70	Travis Perkins†	301	+9	3.7	*
3.05	Tudor†	28	-2	2.2	27.0
13.50	Unigroup	44	...	...	...
0.88	Walechouse	35	...	...	...
433.30	Wickes	116	+4	2.0	5.8
2,051.50	Wolseley	373	+1	3.0	13.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
13.80	Anglo Utd	1½	...	...	...
16.90	App Halo	77	+8	...	...
3.44	Bailey (CH)	6¼	-¼	...	...
13.30	Black Arrow	54	+3	7.2	8.6
3.03	Br Bloodstock	74	-1	...	66.4
1.86	Card Gp	3¾	...	...	...
2.15	Chemex	5½	...	2.3	17.2
16.80	Cosalt	148	...	7.2	8.6
64.10	Filofax	242	-13	1.1	20.6
4.51	Headway	28	...	3.1	21.8
74.00	Hornlock	311	-8	3.8	15.4
93.10	Leigh	141	-1	6.9	13.0
21.40	Mobo Gp	121	-9	6.4	7.9
142.80	Photo-Me	235	-8	2.6	22.8
18.80	Pact & Gen	58	+1	5.4	...
13.30	Rodime	9	...	...	...
169.50	Stanks & McEwan	92	-1	2.9	...
42.30	Sinclair (Wm)	194	+1	4.7	14.5
1,091.40	Waste Mgt Intl	291	-14	...	10.5

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
554.90	Albright & Wil	177	+2	4.2	*
697.50	Allied Colloids	132	-3	2.3	18.6
30.60	Amber Ind	783	...	3.4	13.5
7,774.60	BASF DM	£133	-359⅝	3.3	...
3,746.80	BOC	782	+17	4.0	16.0
433.80	BTP	272	-12	5.0	15.4
10,502.30	Bayer DM59	£151⅛	-46⅝	3.8	...
91.90	Blagden	127	+4	...	...
78.40	Brent Chems	116	-½	4.5	16.1
570.90	Br Vita	262	+8	3.7	17.5
5.36	Cambridge Iso	41	-4	...	...
80.80	Canning (W)†	214	+3	4.4	...
1,845.70	Courtaulds	458	+13	4.1	31.2
487.10	Croda†	352	+3	3.2	17.1
20.40	Doeflex	182	+11	3.5	16.4
33.70	Euro Colour	87	-2	2.4	25.2
10.80	Ellis & Ev	119	+5	5.8	11.9
233.80	Hickson†	133	-4	4.7	12.7
7,825.80	Hoechst	£132⅞	-315⅛	3.8	...
227.50	Holliday Chem	219	...	2.9	15.6
5,571.20	ICI	769½	+6½	4.5	34.3
186.10	Kalon	#130	...	4.1	13.5
1,407.40	Laporte	733	+9	3.8	15.9
28.20	MTM†	78	-1	2.5	13.4
140.90	Mendest†	354	-5	3.9	16.7
11.60	Melrotect	48	+1	8.0	8.5
25,299.80	Montedison	474½	-1½	4.0	22.6
53.50	Porvair	345	...	1.7	23.8
537.00	Scapa	226	-1	3.3	18.4
18.20	Smiths Speak	18	...	4.9	10.7
6,948.80	Takeda Chem	794½	+4	1.3	9.2
81.00	Wardle Storeys†	319	-1	6.8	15.9
46.30	Wellington Hldg†	196	+9	3.5	15.0
61.40	Wolstenholme R	818	+50	3.2	15.6
166.70	Yorks Chem	364	+6	3.0	16.3
288.30	Yule Catto†	289	+1	3.0	29.0

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
28.70	ABI Leis	110	...	4.6	12.6
23.20	Adam & Harvey	543	...	3.6	6.8
8.16	Alexanders	20	...	8.2	9.6
71.80	Appleyard	108	-1	6.7	*
9.85	Ass Br Eng	3¼	...	1.7	38.8
154.10	BSS Group	588	+18	3.9	20.7
6.90	Bearing Power	18½	+¼	6.4	9.6
1.21	Bogod 'A'	25	...	3.5	10.5
178.70	Bunzl†	388	+4	4.2	*
5.78	Bridgend Gp	27	...	1.2	...
28.20	Bell Fleming†	85	...	4.4	...
13.90	Brown & Tawse	43	+1	...	...
39.10	Burndene	37	-1	6.5	...
8.09	Caxtons	248	...	5.9	40.2
10.90	Cowall Mtr	75	...	4.6	48.9
19.30	Cook (DC)	45	+1	3.2	13.8
442.80	Cowie	275	+12	4.1	11.8
33.90	Dag Motors†	140	+1	6.2	12.3
24.60	Dawson El	558	...	1.5	13.8
271.10	Dialoma	485	+13	3.6	15.8
1,196.60	Electrocomponts	569	+12	2.3	23.3
44.60	Electron House	175	-3	2.5	14.7
229.80	Ellis & Everard	275	-5	3.6	18.2
56.30	European Mtr	165	+5	5.4	11.4
128.00	Evans Halshaw†	403	+15	4.7	11.9
826.70	Farnell Elect†	611	+13	1.8	*
7.44	File Indexr	48	...	7.8	...
24.29	Gardner	22½	...	4.4	10.4
7.48	Glenchewton	29½	+3½	...	32.5
6.01	Gowthorpe†	66	...	4.3	12.5
30.50	Hallin Hldgs†	68	...	1.8	13.0
17.80	Harris (Philip)	185	...	5.2	14.5
215.80	Heywis	420	+16	2.5	19.5
3.86	Holders Tech	98	...	7.7	28.4
36.00	ISA Intl†	99	-2	2.6	11.0
1,681.10	Inchcape†	318	+2	5.8	12.1
7.02	Jacks (Wm)	65	...	...	14.8
270.80	Kwik-Fit	157	-1½	3.5	15.5
318.30	Lex Service	334	+5	5.2	17.8
33.50	Lookers	172	...	5.5	9.5
24.00	Matsu Grp†	15	...	3.3	35.7
35.40	Middlesex G	8¼	+½	1.0	...
35.20	Nobelo	339	+1	0.8	15.1
22.10	Northamber	130	+1	1.2	55.2
13.10	PCT†	147	...	6.5	*
101.00	Pendragon	263	+8½	3.8	15.2
37.20	Perry Grp	147	+1	6.4	*
31.19	Quicks Group†	135	...	5.1	*
14.80	REA†	163	-2	3.1	19.4
5.31	Reece	3	...	...	...
8.86	Ross Gp	6	...	...	...
30.50	SEP Ind	48½	+½	2.7	16.2
19.10	TLS Range†	53	-1	3.5	14.8
134.90	Time Products	254	+7	4.5	*
105.30	Vardy (Reg)	227	+2	2.9	16.9
38.30	Wholesale Ftgs	270	+7	5.4	24.1
22.80	Wills Gp	13	...	4.6	7.9
56.50	Wilson*	68½	-1½	1.2	23.0
34.60	Wyko	70	...	1.6	25.3
14.40	Young (H)	87	+9	5.2	16.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
137.40	Adwest†	167	-1	5.8	14.4
452.60	Antofagasta†	288	-7	1.7	24.8
15,672.60	Broken Hill	827	+20	2.5	*
12,343.00	BTR†	339	+1½	4.9	14.7
14,931.40	BAT†	484	-10	5.7	12.2
371.00	Berisford Intl	246	-1	0.3	65.1
145.20	Bibby (J)	83	+6	7.9	16.9
1,208.40	Bierley Inv	46¼	-¼	8.8	2.7
743.90	Charter†	867	+28	3.5	14.0
1,619.70	Cookson▼	239	+1	3.7	15.1
12,416.70	Hanson	239¼	-10¼	6.3	12.1
1,107.20	Harrison Crsfld†	157	-1	7.2	18.9
11,180.60	Hutch Whamp	309	-6	2.5	*
3,607.30	Jardine Math	502	-29	3.2	*
6.12	Jourdan (T)	34	+1	4.7	*
1,231.30	Lonrho	159	-9	3.5	29.1
83.20	McLeod Russel	138	...	5.6	15.1
35.98	Porter Chadbn	38	-2	...	...
461.10	Powell Duffryn	538	+15	5.8	15.1
33.20	Ropner	142	...	7.3	12.3
1,206.50	Rothmans	606	-3	4.0	29.4
32.10	Salroe	13	+1	...	4.2
3,523.70	Sime Darby†	167	+1	2.7	20.6
214.10	Staveley	187	-2	5.7	57.6
208.70	Suter†	178½	-6½	6.7	14.0
386.40	TT Group†	245	-3	2.8	15.1
2,803.70	Tomkins	237	-11	4.1	15.2
532.30	Trafalgar H	49½	-7½	2.5	...
57.40	Unitas	295	...	6.0	*
520.60	Wassall†	270	-3	1.9	*
74.10	Whitecroft	168	+1	2.6	18.4
13.80	Wickey	9¼	...	2.6	15.1
1,896.60	Williams Hldgs†	327	-17	5.2	15.6

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,233.20	East Midlands	638	-21	5.4	28.8
1,600.00	Eastern Grp	640	-8	4.8	14.0
1,251.40	London Elect	633	-8	4.9	9.7
762.80	Manweb	661	-18	5.1	7.9
1,209.70	Midlands Elec	634	-24	4.9	9.7
5,479.30	National Power	462	+1	4.3	8.6
6,358.70	Ntl Power P/P	190	+3	4.0	10.4
886.40	Northern Elec	795	-26	5.2	8.2
571.20	Nthn Ireland	347	-2	4.3	9.5
1,034.50	Norweb	664	-15	4.6	8.0
3,556.10	PowerGen	490½	+1½	3.8	10.6
	PowerGen (P/P)	199	...	3.6	11.4
1,255.00	Hydro-Elect	327	-5½	5.0	10.3
2,687.90	Scottish Power	329	-12	5.3	9.5
901.60	Seeboard	368	-6	4.2	10.0
627.10	Sth Wales	678	-22	5.4	9.2
724.40	Sth Western	652	-23	4.8	8.6
1,774.50	Southern Elec	650	-13	4.7	9.4
1,206.40	Yorkshire Elec	656	-14	5.3	11.2

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Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
81.60	Acal	319	...	2.7	17.3
84.50	Acorn Comp	94	+1	...	...
74.80	Admiral	650	+13	1.5	19.8
103.80	Alba	220	...	2.9	17.1
249.50	Amstrad	214½	+10½	1.5	...
29.00	Adam†	39	+1	1.3	...
253.20	Astect	88	+5¾	1.6	16.2
39.00	Azlan	179	...	2.1	14.5
1,138.30	BICC†	322	-10	4.9	16.5
24.30	Beales Hunter	229	...	5.4	12.3
148.40	Bock	485	...	3.0	16.3
685.80	Bowthorpe†	357	-8	2.9	18.0
5.13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	+1	1.6	11.5
28.50	CML Micro	153	...	4.9	9.8
12.29	Channel Hldgs	34	+1	4.6	9.7
46.70	Chloride	19¼	-¼	1.9	33.9
12.20	Clayhithe	66	...	5.1	*
17.40	Copymore	165	...	3.3	*
156.50	Cray Elect	66	-3	4.7	7.7
72.10	Crossley	515	+28	2.1	21.7
739.20	Danka Bs Sys	386	+13	0.6	*
737.10	Delta†	495	-1	3.9	17.9
145.90	Domino	549	+4	2.2	16.7
102.40	Dowding Mills	60	...	4.7	22.3
49.40	Drack	1475	...	0.9	25.1
2,074.70	Electrolux 'B'	2912½	-78½	3.7	5.1
35.20	Emess†	33	-1½	0.4	...
8,782.70	Ericsson 'B'	4421¼	+75	1.1	28.2
35.10	Eurocopy	72	-3	3.5	14.4
401.40	Eurotherm	449	...	1.5	23.2
362.40	Farey Group†	443	...	2.0	19.4
120.50	Fitmatic Corn	287	+13	0.3	59.4
22.00	Forward Gp	#258	...	2.6	16.5
20.58	Forward Tech†	56	-2	4.2	9.8
8,704.80	GEC	317	-3	4.3	15.4
203.50	Gestetner†	103	-5	3.1	15.5
88.00	Gresby	138	-5	6.0	13.0
46.70	Ind Control	117	-3	5.3	10.4
5.66	Intelek	14	...	8.7	...
135.40	Kenwood App	295	+7½	3.9	14.6
5.79	Kode	61	...	...	...
2.81	LPA Ind	29	+½	6.9	20.6
58.10	MTL Inst	323	...	1.8	18.3
138.70	Memec-Ser	284	...	2.0	18.9
29.10	Microvitec	39½	+2	1.3	13.4
351.50	Mitel	333	+37	...	...
3.15	Pace Systems†	67	...	8.2	...
101.60	Pecki	85	+½	5.9	15.8
8,063.50	Philips Lmp Gnt	2387½	-34½	2.1	9.7
27.90	Plico	281	...	2.0	18.6
18.80	Plico 'A' Vtg	273	...	2.1	17.4
6.58	Plasmec†	140	+1½	3.6	14.5
46.60	Pressac†	126	-4	2.8	19.8
11.60	Prestwick	28½	+1½	...	...
79.60	Psion	348	+17	1.3	21.1
8.91	Quadrant Grp	27	...	...	...
720.80	Racal Elect	257	-3	2.2	21.1
12.20	Radamec†	66	+½	4.0	14.6
78.00	Rainford	327	-8	1.9	19.2
128.20	Roxboro	237	...	2.5	12.8
4.73	Scanbronic	9	-1	...	...
26.20	Silvermines	41	+1	3.1	10.9
6.67	Soundtracs	66	+1	4.7	15.1
80.20	Sito Bus	83	...	5.6	5.5
1.69	TDS Circuits	5	...	...	...
3,698.70	TDK	2812½	+87½	1.3	...
28.40	Tadpole Tech	108	-26	...	...
75.00	Telemetrix†	82	...	1.8	11.5
19.80	TGI	92	...	3.1	17.1
146.80	Telspec	483	-5	1.0	32.2
31.49	Thorpe FW	245	-2	1.8	16.6
287.60	TLG	161½	+3½	2.7	23.2
2.52	Total Systems	25	...	...	26.0
80.60	Tunstall	245	+2	2.0	16.4
258.40	Unitech	375	-3	2.3	18.9
18.80	Verity	8	...	...	21.5
105.20	Volex	381	+1	6.8	15.9
10.30	Walsbourne	47	...	...	...
36.40	Whessoe	123	...	2.3	...

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
28.60	AIM	200	...	2.8	...
227.60	APV†	77	+1	5.0	...
193.10	ASW	234	+16	3.2	41.4
18.00	Aero Hamble	28	...	...	...
57.50	Alvis	103½	+4½	1.5	...
39.30	Ash & Lacy†	149	...	5.4	12.6
56.20	Atlas Equip†	540	...	5.1	22.9
13.30	Ayrshire Metal†	133	...	4.5	*
348.50	Babcock	29½	+3	...	...
63.80	BWI†	133	-1	6.3	17.1
132.90	Baynes (Charles)†	92	+1	2.7	19.9
13.90	Beaufort▼	31	-1	1.0	7.3
1.88	Billam (J)	105	-8	6.3	...
181.10	Bodycote†	328	-6½	2.2	18.5
2.92	Bowin Inds	73	-1	...	...
12.79	Bramsy	16	+½	4.1	15.1
77.10	Bridon	134½	-3½	3.8	13.1
2,295.00	Br Aerospace▼	540	...	2.3	20.2
3,521.60	Br Steel	174¼	+¾	2.5	21.1
57.50	Bromsgrove Ind	79	...	7.2	13.3
4.56	Brooke Tool	12	...	1.9	27.8
54.59	Bunzl	44½	+1	...	...
225.10	Bullough	186	+½	4.1	19.2
32.60	Burnfield	85	-7	3.6	17.2
193.80	CI Group†	22	+4½	2.8	21.4
168.60	Carclo Eng	275	+4	4.7	16.7
74.50	Castings	175	+9	2.0	21.5
10.80	Chamberlin Hill	150	...	5.6	8.5
78.20	Chemring	337	+7	3.6	15.8
11.80	Clyde Blowers	140	...	4.3	...
261.10	Cobham†	344	...	3.0	*
4.08	Cohen (A)	308	...	0.8	...
106.80	Concentric	193	+3	4.1	14.5
47.70	Cook (Wm)	217	+3	4.3	10.2
141.00	David Brown	246	+4	3.6	16.2
126.80	Dobson Park	81	+1	5.8	15.0
178.50	ES	380	+4	4.2	...
37.80	Elliot (B)	101	+7	2.5	15.1
44.90	Expamet	71	-7	5.3	11.5
728.10	FKI	162	+1	3.2	18.7
106.40	Fenner	154	+2	1.6	20.9
2.49	Ferron	18	-4	...	...
35.80	GEI Int	100	+5	3.1	18.3
5.23	Garton Eng†	134	+4½	5.1	*
717.90	Glynwed†	344	+10	4.5	17.2
33.50	Graystone†	12	-1	3.3	9.5
67.00	Haden MacLrt	61	+½	4.3	11.8
12.50	Hadleigh	174	+5	1.8	19.8
53.10	Hall Eng	168	-1	6.0	...
387.80	Halma	199	-3	1.6	21.5
25.20	Hampson Ind	40½	-1½	6.3	7.6
4.65	Hay (Norman)	31	-2	...	...
93.50	Hill & Smith	125	+1	6.0	16.2
37.69	Hopkinsons	46	-1½	3.4	...
11.70	How Grp	28	-5	3.3	...
247.30	Howden	85	+2	3.7	14.0
177.40	Hunting†	182	+1	6.9	20.1
363.80	IMI†	295	-15	4.4	17.8
88.10	Johnson & FB	48½	+2½	...	...
1,060.70	Johnson Matth	533	+4	2.8	20.7
7.20	Jones Stroud	26	...	...	...
10.60	Kelsey Ind	353	+23	4.6	16.5
27.40	Locer	286	...	3.2	18.0
4.85	Locker (T) A	15½	...	3.2	...
55.40	ML Hldgs	35	+1	3.0	12.2
5.75	MS Int	21	...	8.9	12.7
23.10	Mang Bronze	140	...	4.0	11.9
419.10	McKechnie†	429	+18½	4.4	21.6
179.60	Meggitt†	83	+4	5.9	19.9
108.00	Metalrax†	117	+1	4.3	17.5
20.10	Metsec†	130	+1	2.9	27.5
218.60	Molins†	637	+4	3.3	11.3
750.30	Morgan Crucbl	342	+1	4.8	16.9
27.70	Morris Ashby	233	...	3.3	16.5
8.12	Newpard	33	...	4.7	16.6
18.10	Neotronics	62	...	3.4	17.1
1.44	Newmark (L)	#31	...	...	...
14.10	OMB Ind	19½	-½	11.2	...
178.10	Oxford Inst	385	+7	1.7	21.5
265.00	Powerscreen	303	+15	3.1	12.8
35.90	Prospect Inds	12	...	8.9	6.1
0.91	Radiant Metal	87	...	...	...
27.90	Ransomes	49	-1	...	...
25.20	Record	76	-1	6.1	14.9
179.20	Renishaw	333	-1	2.4	26.4
139.40	Renold	209	-2	1.8	29.0
4.12	Richard (Leics)†	49	+2	5.7	*
29.60	Richardson Westt	82	+8	5.2	*
2,862.70	Rolls-Royce▼	183	-1	3.4	27.7
142.50	Rotork†	183	-7	3.7	16.3
96.10	Rubicon	155	+1	3.9	25.3
255.00	Senior Engg†	85	+½	5.0	19.0
26.50	Servomex†	265	...	3.2	17.5
2,488.20	Siebe	580	-7	2.5	18.7
123.60	Simon Eng	79	+5	...	...
43.10	Six Hundred	60	-1	2.3	27.8
772.80	SKF 'B'	1212½	-21½	3.0	*
1,480.40	Smiths Indt	486	-2	3.5	17.0
401.70	Spirax-Sarco†	515	+13	2.8	18.4
76.20	Sterling Ind	272	-6	3.2	17.6
1,736.30	TI†	371	-1	4.0	17.4
7.18	Tinsley (E)	97	...	7.2	13.2
77.30	Transtec Techt	80	+2	3.1	*
95.70	Triplex Lloyd	147	+8	6.0	...
40.30	Utd Inds▼	18	+2½	2.2	17.1
629.90	VSEL†	1655	-23	3.2	*
20.70	Vexon	14	...	...	...
869.50	Vickers	203	+3	2.9	19.3
119.40	Victaulic	209	+2	4.0	13.7
11.80	Villiers Grp	10	...	...	...
280.40	Vinten†	583	+5½	1.9	14.9
258.10	Vosper Thorny	809	-18	3.3	*
230.80	Wagon Ind	486	...	4.7	24.7
477.20	Weir	242	+2	3.6	18.6
56.50	Wellman	46¼	+¼	2.7	75.9
103.70	Whatman†	451	...	3.1	15.0

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7.38	AAF Inds	32	-1	...	...
20.60	Airflow Stream	242	+21	3.7	*
16.70	Armour	45¼	+3¼	5.0	9.6
136.20	Avon Rubber	510	...	4.2	18.2
886.00	BBA†	217	+1	2.7	...
194.80	BSG†	66½	-4½	6.0	18.3
13.20	Beeson Group	9¼	+¼	4.7	12.7
51.70	Bostrom†	323	+3	2.3	18.8
11.20	Boustead	17	...	7.4	...
25.70	Cavendish†	12½	-¼	2.7	*
33.60	ERF	345	...	1.4	...
67.30	First Tech	434	...	1.5	25.0
2,241.60	GKN†	846	+8	4.2	19.7
20,694.60	General Mtr†	2912½	...	2.8	...
9,307.00	Honda Motor	959½	...	0.5	...
518.40	Laird†	386	+1	3.8	13.9
7.50	Loades	375	...	...	...
1,571.90	Lucas†	196	-1	4.5	...
130.50	Mayflower†	65½	...	2.9	17.0
34.30	Midstates	65	...	...	6.5
27.50	Syltone	163	...	3.8	18.1
905.60	T & N†	171	+8	4.4	...
181.40	Trinity Hldgs	353	+8	2.5	14.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,920.50	AB Food	649	+9	3.1	13.3
135.70	Acatos & Hutch	245	+1	4.6	9.3
319.50	Albert Fisher†	45	-1	10.4	13.3
17.00	Banks (S C)	198	-2	6.2	9.2
73.70	Barr (AG)	374	+2	2.6	15.5
8.67	Bensons Crsp	19	+½	...	...
928.40	Booker†	413	-4	6.8	19.7
23.60	Borthwick	40½	-½	4.0	19.2
23.10	CPL Aromas	212	+14	1.8	20.2
4,397.60	Cadbury-Schw	446	-16	4.5	13.8
17.40	Carrs Milling†	252	-3	3.5	9.6
24.60	Cranswick	176	...	5.8	12.8
12.30	Dalepak	106	+2	2.4	*
1,225.20	Dalgety†	436	-6	6.4	11.9
3.24	Daniels S†	39	...	0.3	*
311.90	Devro†	231	-19	3.8	*
19.30	Everest	76	-2	4.4	18.8
2.10	Faringdon†	8	+¼	...	...
59.80	Finlay (James)	60	-4	9.0	*
17.70	Global†	14	+1	4.7	*
12.80	Grand Central	32½	-12½	...	...
385.40	Greencore	453	+3	2.9	11.9
232.60	Hazlewood Fds	100	+1	8.4	6.2
1,272.40	Hillsdown†	183	+1	6.3	12.3
103.50	Hobson†	26¼	-1	1.9	...
29.10	JLI Group	70	...	8.7	9.9
56.90	Linton Park	351	-2	5.5	*
143.70	Matthews (B)	116	+3	3.4	11.2
89.30	Nichols (JN)	225	+2½	3.4	14.9
1,059.60	Northn Foods	191	-4	5.8	9.8
6.42	Nttnfrdn Fo	10½	...	...	20.3
1.44	Pascoe's	90	...	...	...
87.20	Perkins Food†	70	...	7.9	9.9
55.10	SeaPerfect	112	-9	...	...
4.39	Sentry Farm†	102	...	4.2	7.3
23.80	Sims Food	69	-1	13.6	*
1,697.40	Tate & Lyle†	433	+1	4.3	8.0
25.20	Tresoit	283	-11	2.2	16.5
898.90	Unigate	383	...	5.7	10.5
9,731.10	Unilever†	1194	+11	2.8	14.4
12,466.80	Unilever (NV)	7739⅝	+9⅝	3.1	11.8
1,728.60	Utd Biscuits†	328	-12	5.8	14.1
15.40	West Trust	35½	-½	8.6	25.6
44.10	Yorkshire Food	99	+1	4.4	14.6

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
396.70	AAH	443	+1	5.1	15.5
531.50	Amersham	918	-15	2.2	10.2
22.30	Anagen	48	...	...	...
29.20	Assoc Nursg	178	...	1.6	10.4
69.10	Bespak	273	+3	4.7	14.0
24.60	Care UK	61	+1	...	...
52.60	Celsis	87	+1	...	...
48.60	Cortecs	44	+1	...	...
81.10	Community H	243½	+5½	4.2	14.0
67.40	CrestaCare	35¼	+1¾	2.8	13.6
21.90	Enviromed	85	...	2.4	10.8
8.35	Fenerls Group	78	+1	3.7	10.7
71.20	Goldsborough	162½	+2½	2.5	14.6
17.10	Grovecrest	9¼	+¼	4.5	12.5
172.80	Huntligh Tec	610	+5	1.2	*
19.00	Intercare Gp	67	+2	6.5	12.1
32.80	Isotron	282	+6	2.4	16.3
250.80	Life Sciences†	144	+3	3.8	13.3
378.90	Lon Intl	112	+5	...	...
48.40	Nestor-BNA†	62	+7	6.4	*
2.19	Premier Health	4¼	...	...	...
38.80	Quality Care	277	+47	2.0	13.7
112.40	Scholl	186	+1	4.8	...
155.20	Seton Health	375	-1	2.3	19.1
8.93	Shield Diag	48	-3	...	...
1,854.30	Smith & Nephew†	169½	-5	3.9	19.3
1.87	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...
267.30	Takare	213	...	1.3	14.7
491.90	UniChem†	280	+5	3.2	14.5
161.80	West Hlthcare	316	+7	1.9	16.6

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
46.60	Airsprung	195	+5	3.1	12.8
9.90	BLP Group†	150	...	2.5	*
2.84	Bitton Bisses	35	+4	...	...
23.40	Carpet Plc 'A'	38	-2	9.3	...
6.03	Creighton Nt	131	+1	7.3	9.2
55.40	Denby Group	188	...	2.3	18.0
6.52	Gasket†	133	+3¾	4.0	*
5.40	Linolseal	2¾	-¾	...	...
40.40	Maybom†	208	+3	3.9	12.4
148.10	Ottilene Intl	277	-5	4.8	12.5
27.60	Osborne & Little	443	+3	2.1	13.5
102.00	Paterson Zch	418	...	4.2	12.8
87.20	Paterson Zch 'A'	379	...	4.6	11.6
2,770.70	Reckitt Colnt	655	+12	3.6	57.8
58.90	Relyon	261	+2	3.1	*
147.90	Royal Doulton†	289	-1	3.5	14.6
100.20	Silentnight†	216	+17½	4.8	*
20.50	Stoddard	31	+5	6.5	11.7
10.40	Tomkinsons	168	+3	8.7	20.2
7.07	Victoria Carpet	104	...	5.4	5.9
117.10	Walker Greenbk	101	...	4.6	16.3
404.00	Waterd Wdgwd†	57	...	1.8	*
3.18	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	3.4	15.1

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
711.70	Alex & Alex	1625	-12½	3.9	...
4,407.40	Am Genl	2108½	+18½	3.7	...
59.80	Angerstein	90	+2	2.8	74.2
21.60	Archer	59	...	2.1	...
49.80	Bradstock	82	...	8.7	9.3
1,942.00	Britannic	549	+13	3.2	...
75.90	CLM Insce	88	+2	3.0	...
3,843.70	Cmn Union	578	-10	5.7	10.7
46.80	Dellen	92	+6	2.0	...
96.69	Dom & Gen	1420	...	2.5	15.2
72.00	FBD IE	178½	-½	4.2	*
56.00	Fenchurch Gp	155	-2½	6.5	10.3
28.20	Finsbury Under	94	+3	4.6	11.6
2,685.30	Gen Accident†	586	-6	6.2	8.6
1,697.50	GRE†	194	-1½	5.3	*
59.30	HCG Lloyds†	91	+1	4.0	...
161.50	Heath C E	245	-3	8.2	...
111.60	Hibernian IE	216	+1¼	4.7	...
28.50	Hiscox Select	85	+1	3.3	37.4
128.10	Independent†	286	+2	4.2	7.9
607.90	Irish Life†	200	-5	6.7	17.6
182.40	JIB Group	127	-2	7.4	11.3
27.10	Kin Capital	100½	...	5.8	...
2,415.70	Legal & Gen†	492	-4	5.5	21.7
4,225.10	Liberty Life	1749½	-96½	7.4	*
274.40	London Ins Mkt	98	+2	2.6	34.2
122.80	Lloyd Thomps†	158	+13	6.4	11.1
2,765.30	Lloyds Abbey	398	+13	6.1	13.4
408.60	Londn & Mant	338	-4½	6.3	13.8
274.40	London Ins Mkt	98	+2	2.6	34.2
98.40	Lowndes Lmb	166	-1	5.8	10.2
3,639.80	Marsh McLn	4937½	-25	3.7	...
38.70	Methuen	96	+5	...	...
68.00	Nelson Hurst	146	+2	3.7	11.5
48.00	New London Cap	80	+3	1.6	...
20.20	Ockham	40	...	8.4	...
27.10	Octal	99	-1	6.9	...
14.80	Premium Trust	75	...	5.2	28.9
13.90	Premiere Under	105	+5	...	...
8,178.20	Prudential†	325	-9	5.5	15.2
5.58	PWS	18	...	2.5	...
534.50	Refuge†	340	+5	4.5	23.8
2,083.50	Royal	316	-11	4.7	5.5
619.50	Sedgwick	150	-19	5.4	15.3
49.90	Steel Burrill†	104	...	10.8	9.2
2,773.60	Sun Alliance†	342	-9	5.8	10.3
27.20	Syndicate Cap	84	+3	1.9	87.0
129.80	Trade Indemnity†	71	...	1.8	31.6
1,006.30	Transatlantic	333	...	5.0	22.8
475.60	Utd Friendly†	580	...	4.3	14.7
666.40	Willis Corroon	159	-9	5.2	*
7.10	Windsor	21	...	3.0	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,081.50	3i	353	+7	2.6	...
36.60	Abtrust Emerg	73½	-½	0.3	...
23.60	Abtrust High Inc†	77½	+1	9.7	...
91.20	Abtrust N Dawn	211	-3	0.5	...
939.00	Alliance	1863	-17	3.4	...
219.70	American Trust	280½	-3	2.6	...
492.20	Anglo & O'seas	431	-3	2.1	...
33.40	Baillie Gifford SN	116	-7	...	...
302.40	Bankers†	195	-1	2.5	...
53.60	Baring Em Eu	43¼	-1	0.3	...
187.80	Baring Tribune	327	...	2.6	...
287.10	Br Assets	89	-½	6.2	...
120.80	Br Empire Sect	80¼	...	1.3	...
4.26	Br Empire Wts	32	+1	...	...
681.70	Br Inv	218½	-½	2.8	...
35.60	Brazilian	89	+3	0.4	...
152.30	Brunner	238	...	2.9	...
64.80	BZW Conv	126½	-3½	7.7	...
91.20	Candover	403	-4	3.6	...
85.50	Capital Euro Gwth†	42¼	-¼	1.3	...
35.10	China & Eastern	172	-1	2.6	...
39.40	Cont Assets	180	-3	2.1	...
5.69	Dares Inv Inc	78	+1	12.7	...
46.50	Derby Cap	303	-7	...	...
18.50	Derby Inc	157	...	13.4	...
8.34	Drayton Blnd	66	+1	17.4	*
51.50	Dryle Eng Intl	105	-2	1.0	...
183.90	Dryle Far East	147	-2	0.6	...
219.20	Dunedin Inc G	685	-4	4.9	...
16.70	Dunedin Japan	82½	-2½	...	...
50.80	Dunedin Smllr	302½	-1½	3.7	*
3.20	Dunedin Wts	40	-1	...	...
246.20	Dunedin Wwide	735	-13	1.6	...
289.60	Edin Dragon	102	-2	...	...
26.70	Edinburgh Inca	32½	+½	0.2	...
921.10	Edinburgh	313½	+½	3.8	...
13.70	EFM Japan	136½	-2½	...	...
582.80	Electra Inv	325	-3	2.8	...
180.80	Electric Gen	200	-1½	2.0	...
8.41	Eng & Caledon	187	+6	2.7	...
1.62	English Scot	123	+1	...	...
76.10	European Assd	305	-2	2.1	...
92.00	Fidly Euro Val	166	-1	0.2	...
73.20	Fidly Jap Val	68½	-4	0.2	...
34.10	Fidly Spec Val	93	...	...	...
25.10	Finsbury 'A'	157	+2	2.5	...
6.79	First Spanish	78	+2½	0.4	...
191.90	Fleming Amer	286	-6½	0.7	...
41.10	Fleming Chinese	68	+4	0.9	...
4.32	Fleming Ch Wts	38	+3	...	...
126.60	Fleming Clavrt	29	-1	3.1	...
207.00	Fleming Contl	317	+1½	1.3	*
143.10	Fleming Em Mkts	148	+2	...	...
88.40	Fleming Eng	221	+1	2.7	...
502.70	Fleming F East	332½	+5	0.6	*
45.20	Fleming Fledg	359	...	1.0	...
33.40	Fleming Hi Inc	103	-1	5.5	...
83.00	Fleming Indian	75	+5	1.5	...
7.64	Fleming In Wts	45½	+3½	...	...
28.20	Fleming Intl	38	-½	11.7	...
380.40	Fleming Japan	220	-10	...	...
386.70	Fleming Merc	288	-3½	3.2	...
43.80	Fleming Nat Res	87½	+½	...	...
393.10	Fleming O'seas	296	-10	1.8	...
1,455.60	Foreign & Col	130½	-2	1.7	...
45.50	For & Col Inc Gwth	106	...	3.9	...
217.90	Frgn Emg Mkts	115½	+1	...	...
68.20	Frgn Enterprise	72½	-½	1.4	...
144.60	Frgn Eurotst	232½	+1½	0.7	...
48.30	Frgn German	123	-5	0.5	...
356.80	Frgn Pacific	310	-4	1.1	...
70.80	Frgn PEP	128½	...	3.4	...
178.50	Frgn Smaller	170½	...	1.5	...
51.50	Frgn US Smlr	102½	-4½	...	...
3.05	Fulcrum Cap	19	...	...	...
4.80	Fulcrum Inc	41	...	28.4	...
13.10	Fulcrum Zero	151½	+1	...	...
101.50	Gartmore Brit	203	...	4.5	...
25.80	Gartmore Euro	152	-2	0.7	...
31.60	Gartmore Shd†	93	+1½	12.9	...
32.10	G'more Smlr Cost	223	+1	3.2	...
34.60	Geared Inc Invt	86	+2	12.0	...
28.40	Genl Cons Cap	157	+2	...	...
38.80	Genl Inc	110	...	10.6	*
38.00	German Inv	97½	-2	0.3	*
80.60	Gov Asn Sm Cos	215	-3	0.2	...
39.60	Gov Emg Mkt	104	+½	0.3	...
35.10	Govett Am Smlr	141	-5	...	...
17.40	Gov Glob Smlr	80	-1	...	...
41.00	Govett High Inc	82	+1	8.5	...
636.10	Govett Orient†	354	-¼	0.4	...
247.50	Govett Strategict	252	+3	3.3	...
48.30	Greenfriar	389	+3	2.1	...
0.28	Gresham House	6½	...	...	...
132.90	GT Japan	213	-7	0.7	...
88.20	H Govett Smlr Co	123½	+3½	1.1	...
30.80	Hend High†	118	-1	6.0	...
48.60	Hend Strat	291	+3	0.2	...
61.80	Herald	95	+3	0.7	...
79.60	HTR Jap Smaller	79½	-3½	0.7	...
0.45	IBS Gh	15	+1	...	...
32.50	IBS UK Smlls	112	...	3.2	*
316.70	Inv Capt	128	...	5.1	...
29.40	Int Biotech	78	...	...	...
	Intl Wts	20	...	...	...
28.70	INVESCO Korea	129	+2	...	...
35.40	J Fry 2nd U	91	+1	8.3	...
8.05	J Fry Euro U	85	-1	7.1	...
123.70	JF Fledg Jap	198½	-4½	...	...
28.40	Jupiter Intl Gn	113	...	3.8	...
178.20	Klwrt Chrl	220	-1	2.9	...
32.00	Klwrt E Mkt	113	+1½	...	...
34.20	Klwrt End	114	+2	...	...
397.60	Klwrt Euro Pvt	79½	-1½	0.3	...
25.80	Klwrt Euro Wts	25	-1½	...	...
25.80	Klwrt H Inc	86	-1	11.9	...
194.90	Klwrt O'seas	243	...	1.7	...
16.80	Klwrt Smlr	127	+2	2.2	...
96.40	Latin American	107	+3½	...	...
180.00	Law Debenture	793	-1	3.2	...
21.90	Lazard H Inc	86½	...	8.3	...
22.60	Lloyds Sm Cap	92	+3	...	...
6.38	Lloyds Sm Div	26	...	17.5	...
28.80	Lloyds Sm Pkg	118	+2	3.9	...
57.10	Lon St Lawrence†	174	...	4.5	...
40.60	Lon Smaller Co's	89	+2	4.6	...
73.60	Lowland†	313	-2	3.8	...
178.20	Lydenburg	1125	...	2.0	...
59.20	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	583	-15	...	...
12.00	M&G 2nd Dual In	130	...	25.0	...
118.30	M&G Dual Cap	2783	+8	...	...
14.50	M&G Dual Inc	253	...	...	...
62.90	M&G Inc Geared	82½	...	18.0	...
71.50	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	29	...	...	...
83.80	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34	...	18.4	...
179.30	M&G Inc Package	123	+½	5.1	*
150.30	M&G Inc Zero Div	61	...	...	...
38.40	M&G Rec Cap	28½	...	...	...
562.20	M&G Rec Geared	56½	-½	8.6	...
39.10	M&G Rec Inc	29	...	18.7	...
152.60	M&G Rec Pckge	136	+1	3.6	...
112.50	M&G Rec Zero Div	83½	-½	...	...
28.00	M Currie Euro	113	-2	0.3	*
55.80	M Currie Pacf	136	+¼	0.1	*
105.20	Majedie	200	...	3.3	...
8.61	Manakin	42	-2	...	...
276.20	Merchants†	270	-3	5.3	...
501.70	Mercury Euro Pv	87¼	-1¾	0.9	...
33.90	Mercury Emr Wt	29½	-2	...	...
388.20	Mercury World	86	+1	1.0	...
17.50	Mercury Wld Wts	30½	+1	...	...
415.20	Mkts Inv Tst	535	-2	1.6	...
49.00	Mag Grn Inc	142	-2	4.5	...
2.42	Mag Wts	50	-1	...	...
42.70	Mag Lat Amer	68¼	+1¼	...	...
4.43	Mag Wts	34½	+½	...	...
31.80	Murray EnrV	119	...	2.3	...
1.35	Murray Ent Wts	28	...	...	...
55.20	Murray Emg Eco	85	...	...	...
3.83	Murray Em Ec Wt	29½	...	...	...
17.60	Murray Euro	58½	-1½	0.7	...
0.75	Murray Eu Wts	12½	...	...	...
290.50	Murray Income	337	-4	4.5	...
406.30	Murray Intl	339	-2	4.7	...
10.80	Murray S/C (P)	169½	+1	...	...
8.40	Murray S/C Cap	150	+2	...	...
8.00	Murray S/C Inc	75	...	17.7	...
1.57	Murray S/C Ult	3025	...	4.4	...
245.30	Murray Smll	437	+2	1.2	...
88.90	Murray Vent†	380	+1	4.6	...
6.52	Newmarket	18	...	...	...
23.10	Nthbrg Inc	59	+2	10.4	*
19.10	Nthbrg Cap	77	+1	...	...
132.60	O'seas Inv Tst	348	-4	1.2	...
3.12	O'seas Wts	174	+3	...	...
104.20	Pacific Assets	511	-7	0.3	...
13.40	Pacific Wts	413	-10	...	...
30.70	Perpetual Jap	84	-3½	...	...
12.40	Perpl Uk Sm Co	238	+4	1.2	...
17.70	Personal Assets†	8850	...	2.9	...
41.20	Pilot Inv	111	...	1.7	...
8.28	Piper Euro Smll	82	...	...	...
70.20	Prolific Inc	100½	-¼	0.9	...
333.50	RIT Cap Ptnr	179	...	1.1	...
11.10	River Merc Am Cap	29½	...	...	...
7.50	River Merc Am Inc	100	...	8.9	...
0.60	River Merc Am Wts	8	...	...	...
48.50	River Merc Cap	123	-1	...	...
34.90	River Merc Ex Inct	94	+1	10.4	...
0.72	River Merc Ex IncWt	12	...	...	...
11.50	River Merc Ent Inct	88	...	11.5	...
9.28	River Merc Gd Pf	26½	...	...	...
22.10	River Merc Tst Inc	110	...	10.5	...
32.80	River Merc Sm Co	127	+3	4.1	...
1.61	River Merc Sm Wt	33	+1	...	...
	Rebaco	417	...	3.3	*
	Rebaco	435	...	1.7	*
97.50	Schrod Jap Gwth	78	-4½	...	...
8.86	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	35½	-5½	...	...
43.00	Schrod Korea Fd	651¼	-½	0.2	...
3.32	Sch Korea Fd Wt	301¼	-¼	...	...
44.50	Sch Spl Zero Dv	118	+¼	...	...
7.08	Sch Split Fd Cap	25	...	...	...
58.30	Sch Split Fd Inc	103	...	9.3	...
119.20	Schrod UK Gwth	181	...	1.9	...
	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	34	-1	...	...
615.40	Scot	227	-3½	2.8	...
364.50	Scot American	163	+½	3.8	...
59.20	Scot Asian	282	+8½	...	...
5.04	Scot Wts	720	+85	...	...
530.60	Scot Eastern	83¼	-1¾	2.4	...
844.00	Scot Mtge	234	-½	2.4	...
136.50	Scot Natl Tst†	85½	...	11.0	...
55.30	Scot Value	110	-1	2.3	...
322.90	Second Alince	1682	+7	3.2	...
280.30	Secs Tst of Scott	87½	+1¼	4.8	...
36.80	Selective Asset	127½	-½	1.6	...
25.40	SHIRESCOT†	131	...	5.4	...
44.90	Sphere Invt	32	+1½	13.1	...
111.80	St Andrew Inv	325	+1	3.2	...
203.80	Temple Bar	355	-1	4.9	...
103.20	Thrgtn Asian E	103	-1½	8.6	...
1.57	Throg Dual Cp	45	...	...	...
243.00	Throgmorton	80	-¼	3.6	...
487.50	Tallton Emg Mkt	121½	+½	0.7	...
316.70	TR City Of Lont	154½	-2	4.2	...
100.30	TR Euro Growth	176	...	1.2	...
73.60	TR Far Eastt	155	-½	4.8	...
146.10	TR Pacific	109	-4	0.2	...
137.70	TR Property	29¼	...	3.8	...
339.50	TR Smlr Cos	190½	-1½	2.5	...
43.30	TR Tech Inv	119	+2	1.8	...
22.40	Turkey Trust	226	-7	1.1	...
86.40	USDC Invest	236	+½	2.4	...
56.70	Undervalued Asst	105½	+1½	2.1	*
52.30	Value Inc Tst	177½	-1	4.8	*
26.00	Warrants & Val	32½	-½	...	...
11.60	Wigmore†	57	...	1.6	...
885.70	Witan	236	-1½	3.2	...
21.90	Yeoman Inc	83	...	19.2	...

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.00	Abadn Sk H	25	...	...	...
478.40	Airtours	420	+5	3.6	9.2
17.50	Ald Leis	25	-1	...	...
229.20	Alpha Airpts	152	+3	3.3	...
48.59	Arcadiant	44	-2	2.3	...
30.60	Bardwn	160	+4	3.1	11.9
32.80	Barr & Wall	228	-2	6.5	9.4
98.10	Bluebird Toys†	222	+8	4.5	6.2
71.50	Boosey Hwkst	365	+10	2.0	21.0
10.10	Brent Walker	2½	-¼	...	...
9.30	Bristol Scots	150	...	3.8	22.1
15.60	Castel Plc	16½	+2	8.3	9.1
67.30	Chrysalis	253	...	...	...
161.40	City Centre Rest	84	-1	3.0	16.8
830.00	Compass Gp	342	+19	2.5	18.0
74.70	Eurocamp	284	...	4.6	12.7
1,657.80	Euro Disney	218	-14	...	...
15.20	Euro Leisure	115	-2	...	...
14.10	Fairline Boats	403	-24	4.8	18.8
190.10	First Choice	120	+3	4.0	31.4
483.70	First Leisure	296	+2	3.0	18.8
2,295.30	Forte†	243	+6	3.9	24.9
28.20	Friendly Hotels†	147	...	4.8	*
3,404.70	Granada	584	+11	2.1	17.4
23.20	Groupe Chez Gar	124	...	0.8	17.2
15.20	Hi-Tec Sports	30	+6	6.7	...
9.38	Hornby	113	-2	5.5	21.2
65.70	Jarvis Hotel	193½	+12½	3.5	17.5
48.20	Kunick	28½	+¼	3.0	23.6
218.80	London Clubs	309	+4	4.8	15.7
2,106.80	Ladbroke†	181	-2	4.1	55.8
2.82	Magnolia†	46	+2	0.3	...
90.60	Man Utd	149	-7	3.6	12.5
570.10	Mandarin Ornt	82½	...	4.2	18.2
24.90	My Kinda Town	10	...	1.2	...
37.00	Northern†	77	-1	6.5	12.8
59.80	Pelican Gp	83	+6	1.9	17.3
89.20	PizzaExpress	149	+2	1.8	18.5
6.89	Prism Leisure	80	-1	6.5	5.7
23.89	Ransdens (H)	288	...	2.1	31.2
3,560.70	Rank Org	429	-1	3.9	21.7
20.00	Ryan Hotels IE	30½	-½	5.4	...
261.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	913	+3	1.0	...
405.80	Stakis	84½	-1½	2.3	19.8
198.00	Stanley Leisure	368	-25	1.9	20.2
1,297.90	Tanjong	348	...	1.0	*
5,213.00	Thorn EMI	1218	+27	3.6	22.1
18.80	Tottenham Hot	124	+1	1.0	12.9
71.20	VCI	183	...	2.9	*
133.30	Vardon	153	-3	1.2	21.5
6.44	Wembley	2½	...	...	...
7.59	Zetters Gp	115	...	18.3	9.0

MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
118.50	Abbott Mead†	384	-3	2.5	23.5
52.20	Adscene	293	+3	3.0	18.3
233.10	Aegis Gp	28½	...	...	11.4
3.09	Allied Radio	2¼	...	...	...
0.91	BBB Design	11	...	...	30.4
34.60	Barbour Index	205	+7	5.3	18.3
4.53	Bilsdale	5	-¼	...	...
4.97	Black (A&C)†	339	...	5.5	11.3
211.30	Blenheim Gpt	227	-3	5.7	14.0
22.80	Border TV	524	...	2.4	19.6
57.40	Boxtel	352	-1	4.4	35.8
4,699.20	B Sky B	274	-11½	...	51.6
61.40	CIA Gp	149	+7	1.6	22.7
43.80	Caledonian Med	29¼	...	...	...
309.10	Capital Radio	424	+24	2.5	24.0
2,219.50	Carlton Comm	965	+9	2.7	17.7
6.87	City of Lon	87	...	6.3	13.3
230.80	Conflant	104	...	...	17.3
71.20	Daily Mail	1427½	+18½	1.4	24.1
1,170.30	Daily Mail 'A'	1175	+37½	1.8	19.9
258.20	Dorling Kindt	385	-17½	1.1	36.4
847.70	EMAP	429	+1	2.6	23.7
4,562.90	Elsevier	694½	-19	...	...
317.00	Euromoney Pb	1453	-32	3.8	20.5
3.92	Flets	11	...	...	...
374.10	Flextech	401	-3	...	...
95.30	GWR Gp	128	+4	1.7	24.4
44.10	Gold Greenless	165	...	3.0	13.9
7.27	Goodhead	18	-1	0.2	...
44.40	Grampian†	315	+2	3.8	...
177.00	HTV Group†	302	+2	1.4	39.5
4.13	Harrington K	39	-6	3.2	...
45.70	Haynes Pub	288	...	3.8	16.3
129.80	Hodder H'line	372	+5	2.0	*
14.80	Home Counst	140	...	4.9	...
346.00	Independent	288	...	3.8	13.8
108.10	Intl Bus Comm†	278	+7	2.9	13.6
5.98	Interstasp	115	-10	8.5	29.7
136.20	Johnston Press	147	+6	1.7	18.6
10.60	Locost	20	...	1.6	...
69.90	MAID	86	-3	...	75.0
54.60	Metal Bulletn	562	+16	2.7	25.1
164.10	Midland Indt	119	-4	3.5	13.4
593.10	Mirror Grt	140	...	3.1	9.7
143.00	More O'Fergl	440	+19	3.8	20.4
6,069.80	News Corp	326	-27	0.4	21.7
2,168.60	News Intl	314	-5	0.9	8.1
7.26	Osprey Comms	27	...	0.9	19.8
3,507.70	Pearson†	579	-22	3.2	17.0
80.50	Phonelink	355	-8	...	...
71.20	Portsmth Sund	393	-1	2.3	12.2
44.10	Quarant	240	-1	3.3	11.5
4,655.80	Reed Intl†	825½	-26½	3.3	*
7,832.50	Reuters	475	-4	2.1	22.8
80.10	Scot Radio	260	+12	2.8	20.5
231.40	Scot TV†	473	+21	3.7	*
40.80	SelecTV	28½	+¼	...	50.1
51.50	Shandwick	38	-½	4.3	8.7
37.00	Smithtrouse	239	+5	1.8	24.0
11.70	Sterling Pub	26	+2	18.2	2.4
7.12	Sunset & Vine†	125	+1	4.0	10.5
76.20	Taylor Nelsont	34½	-½	2.3	...
525.30	Telegraph	389	-53	4.2	16.6
5,058.90	Thomson Corp	885	-20	4.4	14.3
246.30	Trinity Ind	358	+2	2.7	14.9
97.50	Ulster TVt	833	+19	3.5	20.0
1,281.70	Utd Newspaperst	524	+1	5.5	13.8
10.80	VTR†	134	...	5.0	10.8
5.30	WMGD	8	-½	16.7	3.7
852.00	WPP	116	...	1.2	14.6
253.10	Yorkshire TV†	518	+4	0.9	55.4

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,053.30	Ang Am Coal	4131¼	...	2.7	...
7,998.90	Ang Am	3437½	-112½	2.1	32.4
1,250.60	Ang Am Gold	5178¼	-226¼	4.7	...
20.60	Anglo Pac Res	26½	-½	...	...
1,298.30	Ashanti	1546¼	-3¼	1.0	18.4
302.50	Ascrico	102	...	4.6	...
50.40	Bahrvale	23	...	...	...
373.30	Beatrix	337¼	+15½	4.8	21.0
3.15	Bluck	35	...	3.5	...
23.60	Blyvoor	88½	-3¼	...	...
120.30	Bougainville	37	-1	...	...
1.42	Bracken	17¼	...	8.5	...
42.40	Buffels	335¼	-24¼	13.5	...
5.99	Buck	2½	...	...	...
5,247.70	CRA	583	+11	3.1	21.5
56.20	Central Pacific	18	-2	...	...
37.80	Cluff Res	63	...	...	...
104.50	Coal Ins	134	-6	...	...
10.20	Cons Murchison	188	-12	3.7	4.5
6,332.20	De Beers	1681½	-31	3.1	19.2
56.90	Deelkraal	57¼	-3¼	6.0	5.2
18.50	Doornfontein	48½	...	...	...
1,629.60	Driefontein	738¼	-42¼	5.6	11.1
15.30	Durban	69½	-16½	...	...
63.40	E Rand Gold	151¼	-16	13.7	*
73.60	E Rand Prop	52	-2	...	...
53.50	Eastern Trans	33	...	3.6	15.4
263.90	Elandsrand	278	-4	4.0	8.3
1,172.70	Emp Cons Cu	384	-4	5.8	18.9
755.80	FS Cons	842¼	-44¼	7.2	...
10.50	FS Dev	43	...	...	...
1,657.30	GFSA	1712¼	-112¼	2.9	16.4
2,790.40	GM Kalgoorli	223	+1	2.9	...
	Gencor	233¼	-2¼	1.5	28.5
14.75	Gold Fields Prop	144	...	7.2	4.6
16.90	Greenwich R 'A'	14¼	...	...	...
14.00	Grootvlei	224¼	-12¼	7.0	7.1
55.00	Gwalia Cons	69¼	-6¼	1.0	11.2
139.80	Harmony	519¼	...	...	...
236.30	Hartebeest	211	-¼	12.2	6.9
884.10	Impala Plat	739¼	-9¼	1.8	43.1
118.80	Kinross	95	-3	12.6	8.5
171.50	Kloof	618¼	-15¼	10.6	6.3
555.60	Kloof	615¼	-22¼	5.2	6.4
12.71	Leslie	79½	...	13.0	4.8
36.40	Lesloa	442½	-15	...	...
72.30	Messina	15	-1	...	...
3.62	Metarsoft	4½	...	...	...
1,337.70	MIM	84	-2	2.7	...
2,436.00	Minorco	1525	+28	2.8	19.3
54.90	Monarch	121	-18	...	...
7.19	Morampa	173	...	3.5	8.5
60.60	NSM	101	-1	...	9.5
984.20	Nth Brkn Hill	147	...	3.4	22.6
82.50	Oryx Gold	59	...	...	...
205.50	Panconitnal	95	+4	...	...
38.70	Petaling Tin	192	-8	1.1	...
873.50	Placer Pac	140	-3	...	...
678.00	RJB	336	-19	3.9	*
8,706.70	RTZ†	816	+6	3.6	14.6
4.35	Rexwood	27	...	...	...
432.40	Rand Mines	725	+100	1.0	...
225.80	Randfontein	369½	+7½	12.8	4.9
377.80	Rexcon	190	-13	...	...
1,712.20	Rustnbg	1355¼	-46½	2.1	33.2
100.70	St Barbara	48	-2	2.8	12.6
52.00	St Helena	542½	-23½	11.0	*
185.30	Sons Gwalia	260	-18	4.4	17.6
56.60	Sthern Pacific	20	...	...	...
382.10	Southvaal	1468½	+15½	5.3	18.8
12.60	Stilfontein	96½	...	24.1	3.0
39.30	Unisel	147½	-12½	6.7	6.7
698.50	Vaal Reefs	3659½	+253½	5.9	6.1
12.70	Wankie Col Z	12½	+1	9.9	3.0
11.09	Water Hall	1½	...	...	2.3
104.50	Welkom	500	...	3.4	17.7
529.40	Western Deep	1909½	-53½	4.5	6.9
3,844.20	Western Mng	348	+19	1.6	37.5
71.60	Winkelhaak	587½	-15½	8.2	8.1
44.10	Zambia Copper	38	...	...	...
49.50	Zandpan	38	+2	11.3	8.9

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
113.80	Aran Energy	43½	-½	...	*
15.30	Arcon Intl	21	-1	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	51	-3¼	...	...
17.70	Aviva Pet	56	...	...	...
123.80	Br Borneo†	275	-3	3.4	12.7
13,094.10	British Gas†	259½	-3	6.1	32.9
24,695.90	Br Petroleum†	448½	-12	3.1	13.7
18.90	Bula Resources	2¾	...	...	...
1,794.00	Burmah Castrlt	897	+4	4.2	15.7
61.60	Cairn Energy	95	+5	...	...
449.90	Calor Gp	267	+1	6.0	13.6
189.80	Clyde Pet	48½	...	2.7	20.8
16.70	Coplex Res	10	-¼	...	...
33.70	Dragon Oil	1¾	...	...	...
6.81	Edin Oil & Gs	19	...	...	31.7
2,031.20	Enterprise†	412	...	4.9	38.1
57.90	Flogas†	235	+1½	5.2	*
75.00	Fortune	7	+1½	...	...
99.20	Goal Pet	74	+½	2.5	24.2
24.90	Gt Western Res	22	-2	...	...
198.60	Hardy O & G	174	-2	0.7	22.3
77.50	Intl Energy	50	...	...	...
1,602.60	Lasmo	166	-3	0.8	...
2.76	Lasmo Units	39	...	28.6	...
430.00	Monument	64½	+½	...	56.8
7.82	New London	4¾	...	...	...
5,989.70	Norsk Hydro	2581¼	-6¼	1.5	14.6
4.51	Oceonics	3¼	...	...	...
140.80	Oil Search	46	+1	...	...
	Petrox	35	-1½	...	...
280.40	Premier	27¼	+¼	...	16.9
2.80	Presiko	11	...	...	...
53.60	Pittencrieff Rs	93	-2	...	...
68.30	Ramco Egy	361	-7	0.3	...
413.50	Ranger	430	...	4.8	...
41,074.60	Royal Dtch Pl	7682½	-208½	4.6	14.6
9,996.10	Schlumberger	4108¼	+109¼	2.3	...
4.11	Scot Pickford	34	-1	3.3	6.5
51.49	Seafield	100	+2	...	...
24,978.50	Shell†	753½	-3½	4.5	16.8
3.40	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116	...	...	...
8,901.00	Total	3934½	-162½	3.8	*
11.90	Vikes Grp	10	...	...	...
1,713.30	Woodside	257	+1	1.4	...
66.10	XCL	35	...	...	...

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.20	BWD	84	-4	8.2	8.1
36.60	Baltic Plc	131	...	2.9	7.1
3.38	Berry Bch Nst	52	...	6.3	*
53.90	Bisiec Inv	158	...	...	...
30.60	Brown Dolphin	142	...	5.5	11.3
536.00	Caledonia	645	...	5.2	17.6
57.90	Camellia	[illegible]	...	1.7	8.1
27.60	Carlisle	17½	...	5.5	18.6
241.50	Cattles†	176	+3	4.0	15.7
5.41	Charlie	33	...	...	50.8
6.32	CPT	12½	-1	4.6	7.9
29.00	EFT Group	78	...	2.6	13.4
141.50	EFM	746	-13	4.0	15.3
204.60	Exco	468	+5	4.5	8.5
140.10	First Nat Fin	83	...	2.3	53.0
358.70	Gartmore	178	...	3.9	14.9
198.10	Govett	382	-3	6.5	4.6
244.10	Henderson Ad	1133	-12	5.9	15.1
549.30	Invesco	209	-2	3.8	18.3
13.70	Investment Co	46	...	3.8	14.7
62.60	Kerr Smith	215	-½	4.4	16.6
1,981.20	Jardine Strat	209½	-9½	4.4	6.9
15.30	Johnson Fry†	162	-2	2.5	5.7
164.40	Lon Forfaiting	126	...	7.2	14.1
76.70	Lon Scot Bk	171	+1	4.7	16.5
439.50	Man ED & F	1104	-16	6.3	9.4
221.40	M & G	267	-16	3.4	19.3
874.70	MAI	...	...	3.7	13.4
	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	100½	-½	7.3	...
1,477.30	MAM	813	-11	4.1	...
93.10	Nat Home Loan	106	-2	...	9.7
377.60	Perpetual	1378	-61	3.3	14.8
792.80	Provident	589	+5	4.4	14.5
72.30	Rathbone Bros†	338	...	3.6	*
64.40	Rutland Tst†	36	...	4.5	11.3
34.10	S & U	289	-5	5.6	8.5
39.40	Shandwick	233	...	4.8	8.7
337.00	SJP Capital	121	+3	3.0	8.7
290.00	Smith New Ct	429	-5	2.9	4.9
9.39	Towry Law	61	-1	9.4	14.5
13.40	Trio Hldgs	16	...	9.6	26.3
3.15	Western Selecm	21	...	1.5	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
239.60	Brit Biotech	495	+1	...	...
13.40	Cantab Pharm	135	+2	...	...
216.10	Celltech	304	+2	...	...
35.90	Chiroscience	141	-3	...	...
48.60	Cortecs	44	+1	...	...
1,244.80	Fisons†	180	-8	3.0	...
24,485.10	Glaxo Wellcome	704	-40	5.0	16.1
82.00	Grampian Hldgt	115	+1	6.1	15.1
681.60	Medeva†	236	+4	1.7	16.2
2.19	Premier Health	4¼	...	...	...
38.80	Quality Care	277	+47	2.0	13.7
262.30	Scotia	406	-14	...	...
6,815.10	SmithKlineB†	491	-11½	3.3	14.6
6,183.20	Smkline Unit	472	-10¼	3.4	14.0
9,234.80	Wellcome	1053	-21	2.7	22.6
8,741.00	Zeneca	924	+6	3.9	20.9

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.00	AG Holdings†	128	...	5.4	12.5
95.00	API	444	+7	2.7	19.1
2,159.50	Arjo Wiggins†	264	-11	3.4	13.9
23.00	Astey Comst	169	+4	4.0	15.1
131.80	Bemrose†	412	+11	3.9	13.6
2,334.70	Bowater†	468	+4	3.7	14.8
883.90	Bowater Inc	2415½	-40½	...	...
104.90	Brainwave Intl▼	304	+10	1.8	15.9
169.00	Br Polythene†	556	+1	3.1	14.8
6.12	Br Thornton	33	+1	6.6	3.3
201.20	Bruce Grpt	146	-1	2.1	16.6
792.30	Bunzl	186	-3	3.4	15.4
41.33	Cantal Indst	148	-1	3.9	10.5
1,846.60	Carnaud MB	2290½	-153½	2.4	...
19.80	Cropper (James)	259	...	1.8	12.6
2,082.60	De La Rue	934	+21	2.8	17.0
5.50	Delyn Group	64	+12	3.5	*
24.60	Dolphin Packt	105	...	5.4	...
26.70	Fairway Group	88	...	5.1	14.3
137.40	Ferguson Intl	341	+2	5.8	...
16.50	Fery Pick	123	...	5.9	12.0
86.90	Inveresk	165	-1	4.2	15.1
124.90	Jarvis Porter	267½	+½	2.5	17.4
469.40	Low & Bonar	477	...	3.0	15.9
68.90	MY Holdings†	51	...	4.2	12.4
221.70	Macfarlane†	275	-6	2.1	20.1
18.60	Photobition	130	+2	4.2	13.1
104.70	Plysu	220	+4	4.0	35.9
366.40	St Ives Grt	369	+10	2.4	20.0
1,944.30	Sappi	1294½	-32½	0.4	...
5.57	Sent	7½	...	...	...
102.30	Sidlaw	143	+3	9.5	10.5
836.40	Smith David	575	-13	2.7	17.5
1,946.60	Smurfit (Jeff)†	362	-7	2.1	...
1.64	Senco	92	...	3.7	9.8
5.78	Usc Group	36	...	...	...
184.50	Waste	235	-2	2.8	11.2
156.20	Waddington (J)	188	-2	5.7	61.7
269.70	Watmough	399	+10	2.4	...
33.60	Wyndeham	150	+3	2.4	19.1

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
52.10	Allied Lon†	72	...	6.7	8.6
148.20	Argent	270	-1	...	...
9.02	Artesian Ests	67	...	...	...
92.50	Aslet	118	+1½	2.5	36.3
213.60	Bilton†	243	-1	5.1	17.4
66.20	Birkby	177	...	4.8	15.4
8.29	Bolton Est A	22	...	...	...
34.90	Bourne End	57	...	2.4	...
254.30	Bradford	174	-2	4.9	14.6
8.05	Brightstone	115	...	4.0	53.8
1,420.30	Br Land	385	+7	2.5	36.6
426.40	Brixton†	183	+1	5.7	17.2
318.10	Burford	107	-2	2.0	29.4
97.10	CLS Hldgst	98	...	4.3	13.4
68.70	Cap & Regnlt	151	+4	1.7	*
772.10	Cap Shop Ctrs	212	+3	4.1	25.3
5.53	Cardiff Prop	158	...	2.1	26.1
50.50	Cathay Int	18	-1	...	...
265.20	Chelsfield†	169	+1	1.8	36.8
88.20	Chesterfield	450	+1	3.7	*
39.20	Chesterton Int	64	...	6.4	10.8
7.39	City Site Ests	48	...	...	11.2
11.60	Clarke Nickolls	7	...	3.6	10.5
5.83	Compco	70	...	7.1	6.2
26.30	Con Ritusz	22	...	3.7	25.8
193.20	Daejan	1185	...	3.1	12.2
14.80	Dares Estates	4	...	...	...
2.60	De Morgan	#5½	...	...	...
30.50	Debenham Tewn	72	-2	6.1	11.4
27.50	Dencora	148	...	3.2	23.7
86.50	Derwent Hldgst	278	+5	2.2	14.5
41.40	Development Sect	14½	+1	2.1	...
18.50	Dwyer	36	-1	2.6	17.6
8.02	Elco	27	...	...	...
21.80	Estates Agency	360	...	4.7	...
3.53	Estates Gen	16½	...	...	...
135.90	Evans Of Leeds	182	+5	3.2	17.0
22.20	Ex-Lands	20	-1	2.6	27.4
27.20	Fecal Propt	62	-3	3.8	57.8
23.40	Five Oaks†	24	...	3.1	10.7
1.83	Fletcher King	21	...	8.9	10.4
4.79	Folkes Group†	42	-1	4.7	*
9.88	Folkes Group nvt	41	-1	4.8	*
233.90	Frogmore	456	-3	4.7	17.5
62.40	Grainger	260	...	2.8	14.3
576.00	Gt Portland	178	-3	5.8	30.4
177.20	Greycoat	138	+5	0.5	...
108.60	Hambro Cntyt	33	-2	0.2	...
831.40	Hammerson†	329	-2	3.8	23.0
51.30	Helical Bar†	315	+1	2.6	*
32.10	Hemingway†	28	-½	1.9	20.4
3.02	Henry Baker	38	+8	...	...
1.90	High-Point	38	...	3.3	...
3,359.70	HK Land	124½	-15	5.9	...
15.40	Jermyn	154	...	0.4	...
2,983.50	Land Sec	585	-12	5.2	16.7
47.30	London Indl	305	...	4.1	16.7
25.00	Lon & Assoct	34	+1	2.5	17.8
2.73	Lon & Metro	6	...	...	0.2
231.90	Lon Merch Sec	95	+6	5.5	15.7
1,558.80	MEPC	383	-3	6.5	22.4
3.91	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...
31.10	McKay Secs	130	...	5.0	12.4
11.10	Marlside Mkt	85	...	6.2	7.8
17.50	Mountfield Est	28	...	4.8	12.2
42.70	Mountview	931½	+8½	3.0	7.2
131.80	Muckow (A&J)†	135	+2	5.9	17.6
9.94	ORB	¾	-¼	...	1.0
12.90	Olives Propt	25	-¾	1.5	...
153.50	PSIT	126	-1	4.8	16.8
180.80	Peel	228	+20	2.7	30.8
191.30	Pillar Prop	169	-3	2.7	...
2.62	Power Corp	2½	+¼	...	...
11.70	Premier Land	4¾	...	...	16.8
12.70	RPS Group	83	-1	4.4	11.6
46.40	Raglan	28	+1	4.6	...
22.80	Regalian	19½	...	...	4.8
16.00	Rowlinson Secs	128	+3	1.8	9.1
17.60	Rugby Estt	98	...	2.6	...
57.50	St Modwen Prp	49	-1	6.1	8.8
55.50	Saville Gdn (J)	55	...	6.4	13.1
22.80	Savills	59	-3	4.8	9.5
99.80	Scot Met	76½	+3½	4.1	13.2
43.30	Shaftesbury	89	+1	2.1	19.3
843.00	Slough Estatest	216	...	4.7	24.2
19.70	Smart (J)	195	+10	5.4	20.5
43.10	Southend Prop	40	-1	7.6	...
23.40	Specity Shops	106	...	1.5	...
88.60	TBI	40	...	...	1.9
74.10	Tops Ests	160	-2	1.7	40.7
126.20	Town Centret	98	...	3.9	17.5
59.70	Trafford Park	88	...	4.5	14.4
15.00	Tranpterwood	18	...	...	7.1
4.22	UK Land	44	-1	...	...
96.20	Warner	198	...	7.2	19.3
88.30	Warnford	230	...	4.2	18.8
134.90	Wates	89	...	...	...
1.72	Whittey Mck	25	+1	...	...
3.89	Wood John D	45	...	5.6	9.7
1.25	YRM	9½	+4½	...	...

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,355.40	ASDA Group	81¼	+½	2.8	18.6
3,393.00	Argyll	300	+1	4.9	12.8
236.90	Brake Bros	581	+2	1.5	19.3
48.80	Budgen	30	-½	4.2	18.2
3.83	Callers	14½	...	...	...
1,078.30	Dairy Farm Intl	62¼	+4	8.1	9.1
61.20	Farepak	350	...	2.5	18.1
113.60	Fitzwilton	45	...	6.4	19.0
304.50	Fyffes	108	+3	1.8	15.4
120.60	Geest†	168	-2½	6.0	13.3
129.40	Greggs†	1135	-5	2.5	15.9
503.00	Iceland Groupt	182	+4	3.6	10.9
917.80	Kwik Savet	588	+17	4.1	11.1
13.50	Merchant Retail	18	+¼	...	...
987.40	Morrison (Wm)†	139½	-6½	1.1	14.1
236.40	Nurdin Peacock	187	-1	4.6	...
179.40	Park Foods	113	+6	2.8	21.8
2.10	Regina Hlth	1½	-¼	...	...
7,954.90	Sainsbury J	439½	+4½	3.4	14.5
5,531.10	Tescot	289½	-4½	4.0	13.2
105.10	Thorntons	185	...	3.8	13.5
175.90	Watson& Philip	413	+4	4.8	14.8

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
14.90	Alexon	26	...	...	...
250.50	Allders	243	+4	3.4	13.7
1,284.00	Argos Plc	428	-1	3.1	19.2
195.00	Ashley (Laura)	83	+4	...	...
64.10	Asprey	80	-2	9.5	6.6
65.50	Austin Reedt	212	...	3.5	12.2
88.00	Beattie (J) 'A'†	141	+1	5.7	15.6
48.50	Bentalls†	112	...	2.4	11.5
41.80	Bettenworth	40½	-2	8.0	*
12.10	Blacks Leis	31	+4	7.4	...
265.70	Body Shop	140	...	2.2	...
6,038.20	Boots	531	+4	3.6	16.9
8.76	Brown & Jackson	135	+15	...	...
327.00	Brown (N)	224	-1	2.7	...
1,194.20	Burton	84¼	+5	3.0	21.9
14.90	Carlcon	38	+6	5.1	14.2
202.50	Carpetright	285	+6	3.9	18.8
271.40	Clinton Intl	167	-2	1.6	28.4
49.80	Church	455	...	3.8	19.0
14.40	Clinton Cards	85	...	6.9	8.3
20.40	Cty Casualt	107	+1	5.0	...
188.20	Courts Furnish	768	-2	1.9	39.1
3.83	Crown Eye	193	...	6.5	8.1
302.50	DFS Furnitur†	290	...	3.3	21.8
947.50	Dixons Gp	239	...	3.5	25.3
6.90	Eye (Wordsley)	580	...	4.8	25.3
[illegible]	Ewe Co	115	-	4.9	13.1
[illegible]	Essex Fur	216	-	4.6	17.1
[illegible]	Etam	391	-	5.6	...
[illegible]	Fine Art Dev	46	...	...	...
[illegible]	Fired Earth	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	Florist Flowers	110	-2	2.1	38.4
[illegible]	French Conn	291	...	...	12.3
193.30	Frost Group	260	-3	2.8	12.5
13.50	Gieves	63	+10	3.8	*
30.90	Gracewells Grp	125	+5½	8.7	12.6
5,960.60	GUS	592½	-7½	2.8	17.3
45.00	Hamleys†	215	-1	3.7	18.2
7.64	Hampden Grp†	52	...	2.2	19.2
365.10	Hse of Fraser†	159	-5	6.3	26.5
16.50	Hughes (TJ)	83	-1	6.3	13.1
91.80	JJB Sports†	326	+8	1.5	*
3,059.40	Kingfisher†	458	-24	3.7	14.5
21.00	Kienzle	153	...	2.2	40.7
54.40	Liberty†	343	...	2.2	28.3
262.70	Lloyds Chem	317	+3	5.8	7.8
737.40	MFI	127	-5	4.4	15.9
11,649.50	Marks & Spencer	416½	-11½	3.1	18.5
358.60	Menzies (John)	537	+2	3.8	22.7
74.30	Moss Bros	437	+15	3.4	...
1,308.70	Next†	323	+4½	3.1	17.8
2.87	OEM	47	+3	...	...
23.30	Olives (G)	92	...	11.1	14.1
16.40	Partridge Fine	74	-4	5.1	8.3
52.90	QS Hldgs†	134	-2½	4.1	15.8
21.10	Rhino Grp	15	-1	...	...
25.90	Rosebys	123	+8	4.7	14.9
1,644.50	Sears†	108½	-2½	4.4	15.8
39.10	Signet Group	13	-½	...	...
979.30	Smith WH	351	-55½	6.4	18.0
280.90	Schofield†	828	-2	3.2	38.1
1,008.90	Storehouse	242	-1½	2.8	19.0
57.10	Stylo	189	...	4.8	18.8
111.50	T & S Stores†	172	+7	4.7	*
64.20	Tie Rack	125	+5	2.3	13.1
1.94	Upton & South	1½	-¼	...	...
338.50	Vendome	485	+7	2.4	22.1
45.10	View Group	31	-2	2.8	25.8
7.02	Wld of Leather	58	...	3.2	12.4
68.90	Wyevale	180	...	3.4	17.5

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,510.90	Allied Domecq	534	-9	5.7	13.2
225.50	Bulmer (HP)	427	+8	3.2	23.1
62.90	Burn Stewart†	106	...	5.8	21.9
8,017.90	Grand Met	384	-12	4.2	17.1
3,317.70	Guinness†	461½	-14½	3.7	14.5
476.80	Highland Distl†	359	-1	2.8	16.2
213.40	Macallan-Glen	783	...	1.9	44.4
92.50	Macon Mrm 'A'	675	...	4.8	29.0
291.40	Matthew Clark	613	+10	3.8	28.1
8.85	Mrrydwn W	81	-3	3.9	...
185.60	Taunton Cider	169	+3	5.6	13.1

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
194.20	ACT Group	110	...	5.8	11.6
1,010.90	ADT	728	...	...	...
15.00	Alphameric	36	...	...	37.5
59.80	Anno Sec	90	+1	...	...
1,098.60	BET Ord	117½	-9	7.7	14.8
33.60	BNB Rest	157	+5	...	...
70.50	BPP	268	+8	2.5	17.4
45.50	BSM	163	+6	4.9	12.7
25.80	Black & Edg	4¼	+¼	...	...
216.70	Borland	762½	+137½	...	...
32.50	Brit Data Mgt	133	...	3.9	9.4
8.16	Brooks Servicet	68	+3	4.0	...
65.30	CRT Grt	97	-1	4.8	23.8
101.90	Capca Group	186	...	2.2	19.1
912.10	Chubb Sec	336	+11	2.5	19.8
64.90	Corndr Peoplet	265	+5	1.8	...
45.20	Corp Servicest	81	-3	3.1	12.8
27.80	Coutts Consgt	60	...	3.8	...
251.10	Davis Servicet	245	+4	4.3	15.8
8.44	Dudley Jenkns	67	...	6.2	12.7
6.92	EW Factr	38	-3	4.2	5.3
36.20	El Data Prc	138	-2	1.8	13.5
1,281.70	Hays†	315	+6½	2.5	18.8
125.10	Hogg Robnsn	180	-1	5.1	11.6
516.00	ISS B Dkr	1987½	+118½	1.2	18.2
55.40	JBA Hldgst	168	...	2.5	...
13.50	Johnson Clean	258	+4	5.2	...
19.00	Kalamazoo	98	...	4.4	11.1
36.90	Kewill Sys	300	+4	2.1	11.0
2.42	Laser-Scan	15	...	...	...
41.40	LBMS	190	+3	...	...
27.70	Leo	3	...	...	...
332.30	Logica	374	+13	1.8	20.1
92.00	MDIS	92	+1	8.5	20.2
21.80	MMT Comp	193	-2	3.8	13.5
51.30	MR Data Mngt	92	-1	7.5	11.4
96.10	Macro 4	443	+5	3.8	12.5
1,300.30	Manpower	1746½	+31½	0.2	...
101.50	Micro Focus	705	+18	...	22.0
50.80	Microgen	129	+2	7.8	14.0
305.10	Misys	356	-2	3.0	11.1
57.00	MITIE Gp	227	...	1.4	22.1
12.20	Novo Group	22½	...	1.1	8.6
6.00	OIS Intl	20	-½	3.8	...
8.05	Oriel	22	...	3.6	...
80.00	P & P	101	+1	3.2	12.4
76.10	Michael Pagel	177	...	3.9	14.2
61.60	Pentyt	147	+14	1.5	28.4
13.10	Pegasus	208	+35	3.0	15.3
5.06	Petra	92	-1	5.4	...
47.50	Prodtorl	89	-2	8.3	...
28.90	RCO	270	+2½	7.4	9.8
11.10	Radius	40	...	3.3	13.8
11.60	Real Time	165	+1	3.8	12.5
64.50	Reed Executive	128	...	2.8	*
34.90	Reliance Sec	155	+6	4.0	23.6
2,545.40	Rentokil	260	...	1.7	22.1
62.80	Ricardo Group	141	...	5.3	17.6
20.10	Rolfe & Nolan	165	...	3.0	28.9
303.40	Sage Gpt	955	-15	1.5	15.8
752.40	Salvesen (C)	259	-1	4.0	13.4
38.80	Sanderson Elec	98	+6	3.6	14.2
87.90	Select App	15¼	+1¼	...	...
356.00	Serco Grt	382	-1½	1.3	19.2
172.50	Serco Gp	292	+1	1.7	24.5
76.80	Servisair	191	+1	2.5	*
9.80	Shared Cmpt	138	-5	1.8	*
57.70	Sketchley	90	+1	4.4	15.1
5.01	Standard Pfd	16	+1	...	...
40.60	Stat-Plus†	189	+2	6.3	17.7
47.60	Unipalm	232	+14	...	...
18.50	Vasec	15	+1	3.3	8.2
11.20	WSP Hldgs	48	...	5.2	12.8
67.80	Warner Howard	285	+1	...	...

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24,860.50	BT	396½	-10	5.7	15.3
8,871.80	Cable Wireless	404	-19	2.6	16.6
61.80	Securicor	1480	-8	0.3	34.0
738.00	Securicor 'A'	910	...	0.5	20.8
873.60	Security Serv	797	-4	1.0	22.2
1,309.50	Telewest	165	+9	...	...
5,987.40	Vodafone	196½	-1½	1.9	25.4

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2.70	Albion	71	...	5.6	3.8
49.30	Alexdra Wt	146	+2½	3.1	16.5
170.60	Allied Text	244	+4	5.5	15.8
2.62	Atkins	79½	-1½	8.7	25.2
1.77	Automagic	31	...	...	7.8
279.60	Baird (Wm)	241	...	8.0	16.1
4.92	Beckman (A)†	41	+1	...	...
145.40	Black (Peter)	262	+5	3.2	15.3
11.70	Bridport-Gndry†	116	+4	3.2	12.8
27.80	Br Mohair†	208	+3	4.4	18.8
2.60	Campari	#25	...	...	...
3.96	Cassidy Bros	72	-1	4.0	9.2
77.20	Chamb Phipps	173	...	8.8	22.7
174.60	Claremont Grt	321	+3	3.5	15.7
1,453.70	Coats Viyella†	208½	-1½	5.9	14.2
504.90	Courtauld Text	496	+3	3.8	15.4
14.80	Dalyvon	123	-3	6.3	8.4
228.60	Dawson	117	-2	3.2	...
222.30	Dewhirst (I)†	174	+2½	1.8	*
4.43	Dolas Hew†	35	...	4.2	18.4
7.63	Drummond	38	...	1.6	16.1
2.16	Ebel	17	+1	...	...
5.85	Faupel	50	...	12.2	8.1
59.20	FII	378	...	4.3	28.7
16.60	Forminster	151	...	2.7	12.7
2.07	Foster (John)	18½	-1½	...	...
10.00	French	85	...	5.3	11.6
35.10	Gent SR	97	-1	3.0	21.6
22.10	Haggas	101	-1	3.7	13.9
45.30	Hallmore	14	+2½	2.9	...
47.50	Heiney Plc	24	+1	11.1	...
52.40	Hicking Pntcst	225	+2	2.7	15.8
32.80	Hollas†	24½	...	3.1	...
4.45	Honeysuckle	53	...	7.1	6.1
39.40	Horace Small	115	-8	...	9.2
20.60	Jacques Vert	217	+8	3.8	9.9
5.25	Jeanne (S)†	70	+	2.7	7.6
65.20	Jones Stroud	377	...	3.0	18.3
17.00	Lambert	131	+	6.8	10.1
105.70	Lamont	351	+	4.7	16.6
77.00	Leeds	280	...	3.0	13.5
23.60	Leslie Wise Gp	88	-	7.8	12.2
4.54	Lyles (S)	63	-	5.8	7.1
43.40	Marling	24½	+	3.3	...
1.92	PEX	10	...	...	...
14.00	Parkland	157	-2	4.5	...
482.30	Pentland†	128	+8	3.0	19.5
12.40	Pittards	57	+4	4.4	18.0
138.70	Readicut	70½	+3	6.1	11.9
9.89	Rexmore	63	...	5.6	8.7
10.80	Richards	46	-4	5.6	...
2.80	SEET	70	-1	...	...
115.50	Sherwood Grt	183	+2	3.8	13.4
7.66	Shiloh	132	-2	3.6	...
55.50	Sirdar	103	-1	6.7	14.5
48.80	Stirling Gp	58	+1	4.4	15.5
22.20	Strong & Fisher†	13	-1	8.6	9.2
15.49	UK Safety	40	...	8.1	40.5
11.10	Usher (Frank)	161	+1	6.2	9.5
10.00	Wensort	132	-1	4.1	14.4
30.70	Yorklyde	277	-3	3.3	*

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.14	Air London†	69	...	6.3	13.1
10,561.90	All Nippon Air	732	+33	0.5	...
1,137.90	Assoc Br Ports	300	+6	2.3	18.1
5,028.90	BAA	489	+3	2.4	18.7
182.40	Badgerline†	144	...	3.9	14.6
11.00	Berkeley Bus	42	-7	...	...
4,063.00	Br Airways	425	-5	3.4	10.5
52.60	Central Tran R	47½	-1½	...	...
25.10	Clarkson (H)	112	+2	2.3	...
75.50	Clydeport†	183	+6	2.4	16.8
28.10	Dart	167	...	2.8	16.1
113.70	Eurodollar	232	+2	4.6	18.1
862.10	Eurotunnel Uts	194	-9	...	...
15.70	Fisher (James)	65	...	1.9	13.6
166.50	Forth Portst	555	+15	2.2	*
103.50	GRT Bus†	271	...	2.0	...
61.00	Go-Ahead	222	-4	3.2	23.9
133.90	Goode Durrant	248	...	3.2	19.5
30.60	IoM Steam	182	...	5.4	13.4
41.00	Jacobs (J)	60	+2	...	...
52.70	Lon & O'Seas Frts	72	...	6.6	1.7
393.40	Mersey Docks	440	+2	3.8	17.4
1,242.40	NFC†	179	-1	5.0	18.4
350.80	Natl Express	374	-12	3.9	14.4
499.90	Ocean Group†	324	+3	5.5	21.3
32.30	Ocean Wilson	81	-2	4.9	11.7
3,690.40	P & O Dfd	611	+17	6.2	18.3
127.30	P & O 5.5%†	191	+6½	0.6	...
22.80	Seacon	91	...	4.3	47.8
316.70	Stagecoach	212	-3	3.5	21.1
543.30	TNT	95	+7	...	...
232.10	Tibbet & Britnt	525	...	2.8	12.3
347.10	TDG	235	+8	3.0	15.7
28.20	Upland	108	+2	...	...
37.30	Utd Carriers	110	...	5.6	28.8

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,461.10	Anglian	488	-1	5.1	11.3
54.90	Mid Kent Hldgs	321	...	4.4	10.8
2,152.50	North West	574	+2	5.2	8.2
619.00	Northumbrian	882	-8	3.8	9.8
1,998.50	Severn Trent	547	+4	5.4	9.1
128.20	South Staffs	2210	+5	3.1	13.3
856.30	South West	518	+8	6.2	7.7
1,017.60	Southern	600	-3	5.0	8.7
1,844.00	Thames	488	...	5.6	7.3
911.60	Welsh	621	+1	5.3	6.8
758.60	Wessex	296	+4	6.1	7.7
1,127.90	Yorkshire	357	-2	5.3	8.2

Source: Fleming

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.19	6.26
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.29	6.58
770	Treas 14% 1996	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.37	6.81
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	14.18	6.84
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.51	6.89
3,499	Conv 10% 1996	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.83	7.18
1,989	Treas 7% 1997	98[illegible]	...	7.07	7.39
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.15	7.36
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	105	+[illegible]	10.00	7.38
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	102[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.54	7.51
830	Exch 15% 1997	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.93	7.64
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.31	7.71
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	98[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.34	7.71
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	97[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.93	7.72
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	116[illegible] †	+[illegible]	12.06	7.86
935	Treas 15½% 1998	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.67	7.79
3,999	Exch 12% 1998	112[illegible] †	+[illegible]	10.68	7.88
1,800	Treas 9½% 1999	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.04	7.89
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	114[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.74	7.84
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.66	7.92
8,250	Treas 6% 1999	93[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.42	7.85
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	108[illegible] xd	+[illegible]	9.45	7.98
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.63	7.89
4,800	Treas 8% 2000	100[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.96	7.89
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	120[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.78	8.04
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.19	8.07
7,200	Treas 7% 2001	94[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.38	8.03
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.87	8.15
8,250	Treas 8% 2003	99[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.08	8.13
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.04	8.19
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.00	8.20
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.46	6.73
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.76	8.19
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	91[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.40	8.10
6,400	Treas 8½% 2005	102[illegible] xd	+[illegible]	8.28	8.13
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.73	8.17
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	124[illegible] xd	+[illegible]	10.01	8.35
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	97[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.97	8.13
2,080	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	+[illegible]	8.08	8.14
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.86	8.38
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	102[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.27	8.14
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	131[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.25	8.34
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.42	8.14
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	98[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.10	8.14
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5,351	Treas 9% 2012	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.34	8.14
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800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.27	3.28
1,680	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.86	3.46
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171 †	+1[illegible]	3.13	3.51
1,080	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.19	3.54
1,750	Treas IL 2% 2006	178[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.27	3.55
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2009	167[illegible] †	+[illegible]	3.33	3.58
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.37	3.58
2,680	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.40	3.59
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Defence of duress of circumstance

Regina v Pommell

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Mantell and Mr Justice Hooper

[Judgment May 16]

The limited defence of duress of circumstance, developed in English law in relation to road traffic offences, was closely related to the defence of duress by threats and applied to all crimes except murder, attempted murder and some forms of treason.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of Fitzroy Derek Pommell against his conviction on October 27, 1993, following pleas of guilty on re-arraignment at Woolwich Crown Court (Judge Rucker) of possessing a prohibited weapon and ammunition without a firearms certificate, on which he was sentenced to 4½ years imprisonment. A retrial was ordered.

Mr Christopher Johnston, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr James Dawson for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY, delivering the judgment of the court, said that at about 8am on June 4, 1993 police officers entered the appellant's home to execute a search warrant. He was found lying in bed with a loaded gun in his right hand.

He was arrested and in interview said that during the night someone had come to see him, carrying the gun with the intention of going to shoot some people because they had killed his friend. The appellant said that he had persuaded the man to give him the gun, which he took upstairs. He took the bullets out then put them back, having decided to wait until morning to give the gun to his brother to hand to the police.

After arraignment, prosecuting counsel said that he understood that what the defendant had said in interview would be the basis of the defence of necessity.

He drew the judge's attention to *R v Martin (Colin)* ((1988) 88 Cr App R 343), where the court acknowledged that in extreme circumstances there could be a defence of necessity. Most commonly it arose when wrongful acts put pressure on the accused, but it could arise from other objective dangers threatening the accused or others, when it was conveniently referred to as "duress of circumstance".

Mr Justice Simon Brown, as he then was, had said: "The defence is available only if, from an objective standpoint, the accused can be said to be acting reasonably and proportionately in order to avoid a threat of death or serious injury."

The trial judge said that in his view necessity could not be an issue here "because assuming that he was originally driven by necessity to take possession of [the gun] ... his failure to go immediately to the police robs him of a defence". The appellant was re-arraigned and pleaded guilty.

If a ruling was to be made by the judge it was important that there was agreement as to the facts or hypothetical facts upon which the ruling was to be made. In this case it might well be that some of the relevant matters, namely why the appellant did not go to the police immediately, came out only after the ruling was made.

The central question was whether on the facts as they emerged from the prosecution papers the judge was entitled to conclude as a matter of law that the defence of necessity could not be established. Their Lordships accepted that the provisions of the Firearms Act 1968 were intended to be strictly enforced: see, for example, *Woodage v Moss* ([1974] 1 WLR 411)..

Considering the defence of necessity, there was an obvious attraction in the argument that if A found B in possession of a gun which he was about to use to commit a crime, and if A was then able to persuade B to hand over the gun so that A might hand it to the police A should not immediately upon taking possession of the gun become guilty of a criminal offence. But if that was right, then at least in the result *Woodage v Moss* was wrongly decided.

The strength of the argument that a person ought to be permitted to breach the letter of the criminal law in order to prevent a greater evil befalling himself or others had long been recognised, but it had in English law not given rise to a recognised general defence of necessity, and in relation to the charge of murder the defence had been specifically held not to exist: see *R v Dudley* ((1884) 14 QBD 273).

Where someone commendably infringed a regulation in order to prevent another person from committing what everyone would accept as being a greater evil with a gun it could not be satisfactory to leave it to the prosecuting authority not to prosecute, or to individual courts to grant an absolute discharge.

It seemed to their Lordships that it was to meet that difficulty that the limited defence of duress of circumstances had been developed in English law in relation to road traffic offences.

It was first recognised in *R v Willer* ([1987] RTR 22) and followed and applied in *R v Conway* ([1989] QB 290), in which it was said that it was still not clear whether there was a general defence of necessity or, if there was, what were the circumstances in which it was available. In their Lordships' judgment that was still the position.

Commenting on *R v Bell* ([1992] RTR 335) Professor Sir John Smith wrote "All the cases so far concerned road traffic offences, but there are no grounds for supposing that the defence is limited to that kind of case. On the contrary, the defence, being closely related to the defence of duress by threats, appears to be general, applying to all crimes except murder, attempted murder and some forms of treason" see ([1992] Crim LR 176). Their Lordships agreed.

That led to the conclusion that in the present case the defence was open to the appellant in respect of his acquisition of the gun. That left the question as to his continued possession of the gun thereafter.

In their Lordships' judgment a person who had taken possession of a gun in circumstances where he had the defence of duress by circumstance must "desist from committing the crime as soon as he reasonably can" see *Smith and Hogan, Criminal Law* (7th edition (1992) p239).

Could it be said in this case that there was no evidence upon which a jury could have reached the conclusion that the appellant did desist or might have desisted as soon as he reasonably could?

In answering that question the jury would have to have regard to the delay that had occurred between, on the appellant's account, his acquisition of the gun and ammunition at 12.30 to 1.30am and the arrival of the police some hours later.

The judge had said that the failure of the appellant to go immediately to the police "robs him of a defence".

Accepting that in some cases a delay, especially unexplained, might be such to make it clear that any duress must have ceased to operate, in which case the judge would be entitled to conclude that even on the defendant's own account of the facts the defence was not open to him, there would then be no reason to leave the issue to the jury.

But the situation did not seem to have been sufficiently clear cut to make that an appropriate step in this case. Further, the acts of reloading and putting the gun in the bed did not of themselves deprive the appellant of the defence but were matters which might be taken into account by the jury.

In this case, where the judge had taken a critical decision which should have been left to the jury there was no room for the application of the proviso. The convictions would be set aside and a new trial ordered.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Inner London.

'Journey' of animal defined

Ken Lane Transport Ltd and Another v North Yorkshire County Council

Before Lord Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Mitchell

[Judgment May 12]

A journey for the purposes of the the Welfare of Animals during Transport Order (SI 1992 No 3304) could include the whole of the transport of the animal from the farm to its final place of destination.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Ken Lane Transport Ltd and Europan Ltd from their conviction by Easingwold Justices on January 6 of failing to ensure that two calves being transported by them had at suitable intervals been provided with water, food and rest contrary to section 73(a) of the Animal Health Act 1981.

By that section it was an offence to contravene the 1992 Order article 4 of which provided that a "suitable interval" was not more than 15 hours.

By article 1(4) distances were to be calculated from the start of transport of the animals to the place of destination and the calculation of journey times included loading and unloading.

The 1992 Order was intended to implement Council Directive 91/628/EEC (OJ 1991 L340 p17).

Both appellants had transported the calves from Albert Hall (Farms) Ltd, Strensall, North Yorkshire.

The first of the two calves in question was 15 days old at the time of being transported. It had at no time between leaving a farm on the Isle of Wight at 7.00am, leaving Salisbury market at around 3pm and arriving at Strensall at 10.50pm; or between leaving Strensall at 12.04am and arriving at Boisrendon in France at 6.33pm the following day, been fed, watered or rested.

The second calf, which was seven days old, had not been fed, watered or rested between leaving its farm at 10.30am, leaving Winford Livestock Centre at 12.30pm and arriving at Strensall at 9.38pm; or between leaving Strensall at 10.41pm and arriving at Hautefort, France, at 8.25pm the following day.

The appellants had submitted, inter alia, that there was no jurisdiction to try the offences which had been completed outside the United Kingdom and that the relevant journey had been between Strensall and the point where their lorries left the United Kingdom.

The prosecution contended, inter alia, that the relevant journey was that of the calf, which could be seen from the certificates required by the 1992 Order, and not that of a particular haulier, so that the purpose of the legislation, to prevent the unnecessary suffering of animals, was not defeated.

Mr Michael Heywood for the appellants; Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC and Mr Andrew Goodman for prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the question of what was meant by a journey was of some importance. If the journey had begun when the calves left the place of auction and continued until arrival at their destination in France then there was an offence committed in England as the journeys in respect of both calves had been longer than 15 hours.

If, however, the journey to Strensall was a separate journey, 15 hours had not elapsed when the calves were loaded on to the ferry at Dover nor when they were dispatched at Calais.

His Lordship, having derived no assistance from the 1992 Order, considered the definition of "journey" in article 2 of Directive 91/628/EEC.

A journey was defined therein as transport from the place of departure to the place of destination. Place of departure was the place at which the animal had first been loaded on to a means of transport or any place where the animal had been accommodated for at least 10 hours, watered, fed and cared for but excluded any staging or transfer point. A staging point was a place where the journey was interrupted to rest, feed and water the animals.

The effect of the directive was that "journey" meant the whole transport from auction to final destination in France and the directive went further so that the transport from the farm to auction and then to the final destination was all one journey. That was because there had been no interruption for at least 10 hours when the animals were watered, fed and cared for.

On that interpretation the journeys in the present case starting from the farms were some 37 and 34 hours respectively.

His Lordship said that the 1992 Order should be construed so as to accord with the directive and that that could be done without undue violence to the wording of the order: see *Garland v British Rail Engineering Ltd* ([1983] 2 AC 751, 771A).

Accordingly "journey" in the 1992 Order included the whole of the transport as defined in the directive as one journey.

There was a general rule that the criminal sphere of United Kingdom legislation did not refer to conduct occurring abroad so as to make that conduct criminal but it did not follow that something antecedent to that criminal offence could not have occurred abroad.

Mr Justice Mitchell agreed.

Solicitors: Ware & Peters, York; Mr David J. Bramhall, Northallerton.

Serving proceedings out of jurisdiction

Agrafax Public Relations Ltd v United Scottish Society Inc

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment May 11]

The standard of a good arguable case being shown by the plaintiff, before a court granted him leave to serve proceedings against a defendant out of the jurisdiction, was not to be equated with a requirement to satisfy the court to the civil burden of proof, namely, that it was more probable than not that the plaintiff would win the action.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of the defendants, United Scottish Society Inc, a Scottish heritage society based and operating in California, from the order of Judge Mander in Shrewsbury County Court on August 14, 1993, when he allowed the appeal of the plaintiffs, an English company which acted as impresarios in arranging a tour by regimental bands of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards to appear in various events in California, from an order of the district judge which had set aside the grant of leave to serve proceedings out of the jurisdiction against the defendants. The Court of Appeal affirmed the judge's order and the grant of leave on different grounds.

In the proposed action the plaintiffs claimed the defendants breached the terms of the contract in respect of payment of expenses and fees, which was denied; there was a conflict of evidence, inter alia, as to the extent of the payment, and as to whether the defendants had agreed to a choice of jurisdiction clause in the contract.

Mr Graham Read for the defendants; Mr David Lock for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the judge found that the plaintiffs had made out a good arguable case that, under Order 8, rule 2(1)(d)(i) of the County Court Rules (SI 1981 No 1687 (L 20)), as amended [equivalent to Order 11, rule 1(1)(e) of the Rules of the Supreme Court], there was a breach of contract within the jurisdiction by the failure to pay the bands' unpaid expenses and the fees.

The original leave to serve out of the jurisdiction was granted to the plaintiffs on the ground of the jurisdiction clause and, second, that the contract term breached, payment, was to take place in England.

Before the judge, however, the plaintiffs contended that leave in fact was not required because of the provisions of Order 8, rule 2(2)(a)(ii) of the County Court Rules [Order 11, rule 1(2)(a)(ii) of the Rules of the Supreme Court].

The point turned on whether the parties had agreed the jurisdiction clause. If, as the plaintiffs claimed, the defendants had agreed, article 17 of the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters signed at Brussels in 1968, in Schedule 1 to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, applied and would have granted exclusive jurisdiction to the English courts.

His Lordship said that the judge, by finding that there was a good arguable case, had found, by inference, that further sums were due under the contract and that the sums were due in England. Both parties contended that that was inconsistent with his finding that there was no good case the defendants were bound by the jurisdiction clause.

In his Lordship's view there was a fundamental inconsistency in the findings which would entitle the court to review the judge's exercise of discretion to grant leave.

However, a further reason for so doing was the standard of proof the judge required the plaintiffs to satisfy, namely, a clear view that they were probably right, that is, more likely than not they would succeed at trial.

The judge followed the test applied by the Court of Appeal in *Attock Cement Co Ltd v Romanian Bank for Foreign Trade* ([1989] 1 WLR 1147, 1155G-H).

Since that case the question had been reviewed by the House of Lords in *Seaconsar Far East Ltd v Bank Markazi Jomhouri Islami Iran* ([1994] 1 AC 438). Both courts based their finding, that good arguable case was the requisite test, on the earlier House of Lords decision in *Vitkovice Horni a Hutni Tezirstwo v Korner* ([1951] AC 869).

The test in *Attock Cement*, requiring the plaintiff to satisfy the court to the civil burden of proof, was not endorsed in *Seaconsar* and his Lordship did not accept that the requirement to show a good arguable case required the plaintiff to satisfy the court that at the end of the day it was more probable than not that he would win. He would deplore it if that was the test.

In his Lordship's view it was logically necessary to have decided the plaintiff's argument on article 17 and the jurisdictional facts necessary for service out, under Order 8, rule 2(1)(d)(i), the same way: either there was a good arguable case the defendant's representative agreed the terms of the contract and would procure its signature or there was not.

The plaintiffs had satisfied his Lordship that they had such a case on both points, even though he did not believe it was possible on the present evidence to predict the outcome of the case or to find that the plaintiffs were more likely than not to win.

Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Russell agreed.

Solicitors: Garrard Mitchell & Co, Shrewsbury; Wace Morgan, Shrewsbury.

Consecutive sentences were appropriate

Regina v Johnson (Thomas)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment May 11]

Consecutive not concurrent sentences on two sets of two counts should have been imposed for offences involving the supply of methadone to two persons resulting in severe injury to one and the death of another from a self ingested overdose.

The Court of Appeal so held when giving judgment on Reference No 5 of 1995 by the Attorney General under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 that concurrent sentences of four years for three offen... and five for manslaughter, totalling five years imprisonment, passed by Mr Justice Garland at Stafford Crown Court were unduly lenient.

Thomas James Johnson, aged 31, had pleaded guilty to four counts charging (i) supplying in March 1994 a class A controlled drug, methadone, to Liam Kelly, aged 20, contrary to section 4(3)(a) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971; (ii) causing a noxious substance to be taken by him, contrary to section 23 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861; (iii) supplying in May 1994 methadone to Javed Mohammed, aged 21; (iv) his manslaughter from its supply resulting in his death from ingestion of a fatal dose.

Mr Mark Dennis for the Attorney General; Mr Anthony Palmer, QC, for the offender.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that Kelly injected himself with ampoules given him by the offender and suffered severe brain damage and would remain severely disabled in the long term.

The offender was on bail for the offences, knowing their result and some six weeks later provided Mohammed with methadone from 560ml, which had been obtained on prescription. Post-mortem examination revealed that Mohammed's death had been caused by methadone poisoning.

The Attorney General submitted that the most serious aggravating feature of the offences was, knowing in relation to the charges concerning Kelly, that the offender's supply of methadone had caused severe injury to him, the offender went on deliberately to supply a quantity of the drug to Mohammed, thereby killing him, and that, although the sentences imposed were not outside the proper range, making all the sentences concurrent produced an overall sentence which was unduly lenient in view of that aggravating feature.

Their Lordships entirely agreed that the outcome of the sentences was rendered unduly lenient.

Mr Palmer submitted that the offences were similar in kind and were committed in a comparatively short period, if six weeks could be described as a comparatively short period, without malice in a misguided attempt to help.

Their Lordships were quite satisfied that it was inappropriate to pass concurrent sentences since the effect was to add only one year for the manslaughter to what would have been appropriate sentences for the two offences respecting Kelly had they been charged alone.

The sentences in relation to Kelly would remain: in relation to Mohammed the sentence of five years for manslaughter would be quashed and a four-year sentence for manslaughter would be substituted made concurrent with the four years for supplying but both would be consecutive with the sentences in respect of Kelly, making the total eight years.

Solicitors: CPS, HQ; McGrath & Co, Birmingham.

Rule not part of contract

Clansmen Sporting Club Ltd and Another v Robinson

Before Judge Marr-Johnson

[Judgment May 5]

As a matter of construction of a contract, a thing could be required to be done in conformity with a rule, without the rule itself becoming a term of the agreement.

Judge Marr-Johnson so held when, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, he gave judgment for the plaintiffs, Clansmen Sporting Club Ltd, trading as St Andrew's Sporting Club of Glasgow, and Matchroom Boxing Ltd, boxing promoters, against the defendant, Stephen Robinson, a boxer.

Mr Jonathan Waite for the plaintiffs; Mr Mark Hoyle for the defendant.

HIS LORDSHIP said the plaintiffs were the promoters of the 1993 World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship which took place in England.

In April 1993, contractual arrangements had been made between the plaintiffs, as promoters of the championship fight, and the defendant, as a contestant.

A clause in that agreement gave the plaintiffs an option of promoting the defendant's subsequent three fights in the event of his winning the featherweight championship. He did win but failed to comply with the obligation in respect to the plaintiffs' exercise of the option for the third fight.

It was that breach which was the subject of the litigation. The chief issue was whether regulation 7 of the WBO Regulations was incorporated into the agreement. Regulation 7 prohibited option agreements in contracts for boxing services.

The defendant argued that regulation 7 had been incorporated and that the agreement was void because it was contrary to regulation 7. The agreement provided that bouts were to be conducted "in conformity with the rules and regulations ... of the WBO".

In his Lordship's judgment, those words were insufficient to incorporate the WBO rules into the option agreement. It was not necessary to incorporate those regulations in order to give the agreement business efficacy; and in any event, the boxing world had always ignored the regulations in practice and it was not for the court to enforce regulations which the WBO itself chose to ignore.

Solicitors: Andrew Page; Charles Crookes & Jones, Bargoed.

Council liable over unsupervised gymnastics

Fowles v Bedfordshire County Council

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment May 17]

A local authority was in breach of its statutory duty and negligent in permitting young persons at a youth centre to undergo gymnastic activities without supervision and without a proper system of instruction that should include an express prohibition against practising hazardous manoeuvres in the absence of a qualified supervisor.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Bedfordshire County Council from Mr Justice Ognall's decision in July 1993 upholding the claim by the plaintiff, Robert Fowles, for damages for severe personal injury resulting from an accident when attempting unaided a forward somersault in the Bedford Youth House. A cross-appeal from the judge's finding of contributory negligence by the plaintiff was also dismissed.

Mr Bernard Livesey, QC, and Mr David Bradly for the council; Mr Rupert Jackson, QC and Mr Robin de Wilde, QC, for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the centre offered a range of activities.

The plaintiff, aged 21 at the time, a fine athlete, was attempting forward somersaults without supervision and with a crash mat wrongly positioned up against a wall. He over-rotated and hit the wall injuring his spine and spinal cord.

There was no member of staff present who was qualified to teach gymnastics, still less to the level required for the teaching of the forward somersault.

A proper system of instruction would have included an express prohibition against practising the manoeuvre in the absence of a supervisor and directions for the correct and safe placing of crash mats.

Furthermore staff who were present at the centre were aware that young persons were regularly performing all kinds of gymnastics when there was no supervision. The judge correctly found that the local authority's negligence was a causative factor.

Lord Justice Millett delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Nourse agreed.

Solicitors: Vizards; Collins Stone & Co, Finchley Church End.

Correction

In *Stein v Blake* (*The Times* May 19) Mr Michael Mark appeared for Mr Blake and Mr Edward Bannister, QC and Mr Philip Hoser for Mr Stein.

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Albion, Dunedin Smaller Companies, Kunick, Lynx, National Home Loans, Whessoe. **Finals:** British Airways, Cranswick, Independent Parts, London Clubs International, Seton Healthcare, Sketchley, Warnford Investments. **Economic statistics:** Balance of trade with countries outside EC (April).

TOMORROW

Interims: Archimedes Investment Trust, Fairline Boats, Hozelock, McLeod Russel, M&G Income Investment Trust, Sanderson Electronics, Tunstall. **Finals:** British & American Film, British Investment Trust, AF Bulgin, El Oro Mining & Exploration, Exploration Company, Jarvis Porter, JVC, Marks & Spencer, M&G Recovery Investment Trust, North West Water, Pioneer Electronic, Readicut International, Suzuki Motor, TDK, Thorn EMI, Toyota Motor.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Archer Group, Bass, Care UK, Carlton Communications, Countryside Properties, Dunedin Worldwide Investment Trust, Fenchurch, H Young Holdings. **Finals:** Argyll Group, Courtaulds, Finsbury Trust, Foreign & Colonial Private Equity, Hoare Govett Smaller Companies, Hoare Govett 1000 Index, Land Securities, Merchant Retail Group, National Grid Co/National Grid Holding, Shires Investment, VSEL, Young & Co's Brewery. **Economic statistics:** UK output, income, and expenditure (Q2).

THURSDAY

Interims: Acatos & Hutcheson, City of London PR, Metro Radio, Morland, SEP Industrial, J Smart, James Smith Estates. **Finals:** Atkins Group, Bristol Evening Post, Cable and Wireless, Channel Holdings, MacDonald Martin Distillers, Martin Currie Euro Investment, NEC, Parkside International, PowerGen, Scottish Investment Trust, South West Water, Southnews, Storehouse, TR Property Investment Trust. **Economic statistics:** Capital expenditure (Q1 — provisional), stocks and work in progress (Q1 — provisional), energy trends (March), new vehicle registrations (April).

FRIDAY

Interims: Dobson Park Industries, Minstergate, Ockham, Wolverhampton & Dudley. **Finals:** Castings, Chamberlin & Hill, Lazard Select Investment Trust, Mercury European Privatisation Trust, Wembley. **Economic statistics:** CBI monthly trends enquiry (May), engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (March).

COMPANIES — PHILIP PANGALOS



BA on line for 50% rise in profits

BRITISH AIRWAYS: As the results season takes off, British Airways is expected to announce sharply higher profits after strong traffic growth.

Final pre-tax profits to March 31, due today, are forecast to jump by 50 per cent to £453 million (£301 million), according to Mike Powell, of NatWest Securities. Market expectations range from £450 million to £485 million. A dividend of 12.2p (11.1p) is forecast.

Outstanding traffic growth has driven BA's success, with total revenue tonne kilometres up by a better than expected 7.8 per cent for the year. Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, is expected to predict an encouraging outlook for BA.

NatWest said a corresponding improvement in load factors had reduced the need for discounting and, together with the improvement in passenger mix seen earlier in the year, would have pushed yields upwards. With about 25 per cent of costs denominated in dollars, recent dollar weakness will also have benefited BA, mainly in terms of fuel, leases and interest costs.

The group's main headache, USAir, its American associate, is showing encouraging signs and any writedown should be academic. "Fortunes at USAir are improving quite rapidly," Mr Powell said.

Profitability is thought to be improving at Qantas, the Australian airline where BA has a 25 per cent stake, while privatisation is being speeded up and foreign ownership limits are being lifted to 49 per cent, meaning more shares can be sold to international investors. However, TAT and Deutsche BA could contribute combined losses of £70 million.



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MARKS & SPENCER: Britain's biggest clothing retailer and an indicator for the high street's health, is expected to unveil another respectable set of profits when it reports annual results tomorrow, although there are concerns that they may fall short of the market's best hopes.

Julie Ramshaw, of Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £955 million (£851.5 million), with an improved dividend of 10.2p (9.2p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £940 million to £960 million. The run-up to Christmas saw M&S enjoy booming food sales, although trade in other areas in the autumn was relatively weak.

NORTH WEST WATER: The privatised water companies' reporting season kicks off tomorrow with figures from North West Water. UBS is looking for final pre-tax profits to advance to £284 million (£269 million), with a dividend of 25.05p (23.07p) predicted. North West has said already that it will be paying a special dividend of 3.75p, complemented by rebates to customers, after finding savings on investments of about £400 million.

THORN EMI: Annual results from Thorn EMI, due tomorrow, should be music to investors' ears, with profits forecast to leap to £420 million (£344.2 million), according to NatWest. A dividend of 37p (34p) is predicted. Market forecasts range from £400 million to £430 million.

ARGYLL: UBS thinks business is good at the Safeway supermarket chain, with trading on a like-for-like basis thought to be up by at least 3 per cent, while cost savings should also provide a boost in the future. Final pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, are expected to climb to £370 million (£368 million), with a dividend of 11.9p (11.5p) expected. Market forecasts range from £369 million to £390 million.

BASS: On Wednesday, the brewing and hotels group should unveil improved profits led by its pubs and Holiday Inns hotel chain, but held back by relatively flat performances from UK brewing and leisure.

Kleinwort Benson expects Bass to turn in interim pre-tax profits of £260 million (£242 million). Forecasts range from £245 million to £260 million. Bright spots should include the success of its Caffrey's Irish ale and its distribution deal for Grolsch in the UK. Pub profits should grow after increased food sales, a rise in rental increases from Bass's leased pub estate, and a lower cost base as employee numbers continue to fall.

Holiday Inns should see a strong performance in dollar terms, but the increase in sterling will be restrained by dollar weakness. Profits from leisure are seen as flat, with bingo, Coral betting shops, and gaming machine businesses likely to have been hit by the National Lottery.

CABLE AND WIRELESS: Annual results on Thursday from the communications group will have been savaged by a string of one-off exceptional costs, which will lead to a slide in headline earnings, although attention will focus on progress at Mercury.

Jim Ross, of ABN Amro Hoare Govett, expects final pre-tax profits of £820 million (£1.09 billion), with profits dented by a £120 million restructuring charge and a £178 million goodwill write-off.

Mr Ross says attention will focus on the trading performance of the UK Mercury operation, which ran into difficulties last year. Duncan Lewis, Mercury's chief executive, is expected to report that the restructuring programme, announced last December, is running ahead of schedule. Restructuring benefits are expected to boost profits by £50 million in 1995-96 and by a further £20 million the next year.

Hong Kong Telecom results were in line with expectations, but the pace of growth in call volumes to and from China may be slowing. However, the Caribbean and US operations are seeing strong growth.

STOREHOUSE: A bumper Christmas should help the BhS to Mothercare retailing chain to report a jump in final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to about £89 million (£68.8 million), according to Morgan Stanley. A dividend of 6.3p (5.5p) is predicted. Market forecasts range from £86 million to £90 million.

BhS is likely to have pushed up gross margins as a result of improved stock control, which has reduced markdowns. Profits at the division are expected to rise to £69 million (£56 million). Profits at Mothercare are likely to climb to £16.5 million (£10 million).

POWERGEN: Analysts expect non-recurring profits from high pool prices to help the power generator to turn in final pre-tax profits of between £507 million and £515 million, compared with £476 million last time. A dividend of 15.0p (12.65p) has been forecast.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Moment of truth on GDP

The key British statistic this week is Wednesday's revision of preliminary figures for first-quarter growth. These lie at the heart of the current debate between the Chancellor and the Bank of England.

Kenneth Clarke, holding a press conference to explain why he did not raise interest rates after the May monetary meeting, said he found the surprisingly strong 0.8 per cent rise in preliminary figures puzzling. The Bank of England, in contrast, said it had no reason to doubt the accuracy of the figures.

The consensus City forecast is that the preliminary figures will be unrevised, leaving growth of gross domestic product at 0.8 per cent in the quarter, an annual rate of growth of 3.9 per cent. It is an open question what this would imply about the decisions to be made at the next monetary meeting on June 7. On balance, an unchanged figure would probably leave the City looking for another half-point rise in interest rates despite last week's evidence of weakness on the high street with retail sales volumes falling in March and April.

Other British statistics this week include today's non-European Union trade balance for April, which is expected to show a deficit of some £300 million compared with March's shortfall of £263 million.

On Friday, the Confederation of British Industry's latest monthly trends inquiry will give the latest snapshot of economic activity. There is particular consternation about the divergence between relatively buoyant CBI surveys and much more downbeat official statistics.

The other key focus this week is the meeting tomorrow and Wednesday of the US Federal Open Market Committee. There is a strong consensus that the Fed will leave interest rates unchanged with plenty of evidence that the US economy is slowing to a more sustainable pace.

There will also be interest in the latest inflation indicators from Japan and Germany, both suffering from strong currencies. Japan consumer prices come out on Friday and are expected to remain negative while German cost of living indices are predicted to have fallen.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY PICK

The Sunday Times: **Buy** IWP, Cranswick. *The Observer*: **Buy** Iceland, Cranswick. **Sell** Blue Circle. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Carlton Communications, British Airways, British Telecom. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Thorn EMI, Northern Leisure. **Take up** David Brown rights. **Hold** British Airways. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** Sage, Metro Radio, Chubb, chill China.

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Index-linked back in fashion

Official data continue to paint a generally reassuring picture of the inflation climate in spite of the scare stories. The April figures showed the underlying rate of inflation falling from 2.8 to 2.6 per cent. In view of this, it is perhaps surprising that index-linked gilts, having underperformed the conventional market in early 1995, have suddenly sprung to life.

In part, this turnround could reflect investors' scepticism over non-inflationary growth prospects. The Bank of England's latest *Inflation Report* projects the underlying rate rising to 3.75-4 per cent by early 1996. Such a deterioration could be justified by the recent decline in sterling, which may provide a further boost for input price inflation now running at about 11.5 per cent. There has also been an acceleration in unit labour cost growth in the manufacturing sector in the first quarter of the year, resulting from an outright decline in productivity.

This explanation does not square with the more optimistic tone emanating from the money markets. For example, the best guide to interest-rate expectations, the short sterling futures contract, has rallied and is now discounting base rates of 7.5 per cent by the end of the year. Two months ago, this market was projecting base rates of 8.5 per cent.

An alternative explanation is that the index-linked sector is now benefiting from the deteriorating political environment, particularly in the light of the heavy losses suffered by the Government in the local authority elections. The reality is that little has changed since the start of the year with Labour's lead in the opinion polls holding steady at about 30 per cent. Indeed, we suspect that the recent improvement in the performance of index-linked gilts has its origin in more global matters.

Virtually everywhere, real interest rates, both short and long-term, have declined over the past few months. This has been encouraged by the belief that worldwide demand for capital will be lower than envisaged. The reason is simple. The sharp appreciation in the mark and the yen has curbed growth prospects in Europe and Japan, while evidence is emerging that the US economy is rapidly losing its momentum. Sentiment may also have been affected by the prominence given to the Republican's plans to balance the American federal budget.

Empirical analysis that we have conducted supports the view that financial markets' misjudgments over the outlook for both short-term interest rates and inflation creates opportunities for arbitrage between conventional and index-linked gilt markets. The attempt to eliminate these opportunities produces the re-rating, which leads to the outperformance. In essence, when the real rate of interest falls faster than expected there is a tendency for index-linked stock to outperform. When the real rate of interest rises faster than expected, conventionals tend to generate higher returns. This helps to explain the return to favour of the index-linked market. Instead of rising as was expected, short-term real rates of interest have either remained unchanged (in the US and UK) or fallen (in Germany and Japan).

The key issue for investors is whether this process has further to run. Globally, there is room for optimism. If economic data continues to weaken in the US encouraging fears of a hard landing, Alan Greenspan has already given warning that the Fed could engineer an early easing in monetary policy. Meanwhile, comments from Bundesbank officials have fuelled hopes that German interest rates could fall further. Domestically, the issue is more finely balanced. The consensus expectation is for the real interest rate to rise from 3.5 to 3.75 per cent by the year-end with base rates climbing to 7.75 per cent. This is close to our own view and would leave us broadly indifferent between the index-linked and conventional gilt market. However, the weaker tone to retail sales and manufacturing output data suggests that the greater risk to this forecast is that the UK will follow the US experience with inflation remaining more subdued and base rates peaking at significantly lower levels than expected. On this basis alone, there is merit in maintaining a significant exposure to the index-linked market.

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3261.0 (-49.3)
New York Dow Jones
4341.33 (-89.23)
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16140.85 (-279.91)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 34

FLABELLATION
(c) The use of a fan to cool something. Nothing to do with *flab*, everything to with *flabella*, Latin for a fan. "And now my dearest girl," you whisper to your steatopygous inamorata, "would you care for a little flabellation."

VERMIAN
(a) Wormlike, from the Latin *vermis* a worm. *Vermicular* means much the same, and *vermiculation* is a state of infestation by worms, or transformation into worms.

GLABROUS
(a) Having a surface free from hair or any other attachments, smooth-skinned, smooth-leafed. From the Latin *glaber* bald, in Catullus, a page, ie beardless.

QUEER PLUNGER
(b) An adventurous 18th-century con man. According to Grose's *Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue*: "Queer plungers are cheats who throw themselves into the water, in order that they may be taken up by their accomplices, who carry them to one of the houses appointed by the Humane Society for the recovery of drowned persons, where they are rewarded by the Society with a guinea each; and the supposed drowned person, pretending he was driven to that extremity by great necessity, is also frequently sent away with a contribution in his pocket."

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Will ICS survive the legacy of Eighties' boom?

Sara McConnell heralds judgment day for the Investors' Compensation Scheme

FIVE law lords will ask themselves a tricky question today. What should the Investors' Compensation Scheme (ICS) pay out to the customers of collapsed investment firms under its existing rules? Or, put another way, what do ICS's rules mean?

The lower courts and the Court of Appeal have grappled with the question for more than two years and failed to find an answer. The House of Lords is the final arbiter; the financial futures of thousands of investors hang on its decision. But the viability of the ICS, the industry-funded scheme set up in 1988 to protect investors, could also be at stake.

At issue in the House of Lords is whether the ICS should pay compensation to thousands of mostly elderly people who were persuaded to take out home income plans, mortgaging their homes in the late 1980s and then using part of the resulting lump sum, not for investment, but to buy cars, holidays or other items. This was a variation on the disastrous home income plans widely sold in the late 1980s, where people were encouraged to mortgage their homes and invest the resulting lump sum in an investment bond, run by an insurance company or financial adviser.

But the value of their investments plummeted, along with the stock market, and their capital was eroded by withdrawals of income to cover higher mortgage repayments as interest rates rose. In some cases, the interest was rolled up and added to the loan, creating an ever-growing debt.

Barnett Sampson, the firm of solicitors representing 400 home income plan victims, says that the ICS should compensate investors for their total loss, including sums spent. Compensation paid out by the ICS should be the same as in a court of law, which would put people back in their pre-plan position, it says. Last summer, the Court of Appeal agreed with Barnett Sampson that the ICS should compensate for the whole mortgage debt.

ICS, faced with an extra bill that could stretch to £40 million, took the case to the House of Lords. It argues that investors who had spent money have already benefited and that they should only be compensated for investment losses. However, it claims that its concerns extend beyond the outcome of this case to questions about how it investigates cases and compensates investors.

At the moment, it has to prove that what it is paying out is "fair and proper". If its decisions, not based on case law, have to reflect those of a court of law, it would be forced to ask itself what a court of law would do, leading to long delays in paying out and costly legal advice, it says. It said: "We are a final safety net. We can't afford to pay more on a goodwill basis." The ICS fears that if its costs escalate too much, the industry could halt its funding. The industry has moved to cap its exposure to claims, forcing the ICS to scale down payouts if claims exceed the cap.

Richard Barnett, of Barnett Sampson, however, says that the judgment will not be as far-reaching as ICS makes out. Cases where investors have spent money rather than losing it at the hands of an adviser who then defaults will be rare in future, he believes. ICS also has the right to recover the cost of claims from third parties, in this case building societies. ICS has served a writ on ten building societies that lent much of the money for mortgages taken out as part of home income plans, demanding compensation.

Home income plans rank among the most disastrous attempts by parts of the financial services industry to cash in on the 1980s boom. The assumption underlying home income plan was that house prices would continue to rise. Stock markets would also continue to rise, generating a good income on investments that would pay off the interest on the mortgage. Neither assumption was borne out by events.

Sales of investment bond-based home income plans were effectively banned in 1990. Firms selling the plans almost all collapsed, leaving the ICS to pick up most of the pieces. The most active firms were almost all independent financial advisers, regulated by the now-defunct financial intermediaries, managers and brokers regulatory association (Fimbra). ICS has paid out £30 million in about 2,000 cases. Claims of £12 million could still be outstanding.

It is possible that the law lords could agree with the ICS that it does not have to put investors back in their original position, while still upholding the Court of Appeal's finding that investors are entitled to this compensation in law. Barnett Sampson will then activate writs that it has served on building societies, including Cheltenham & Gloucester and Alliance Leicester, and serve a writ on the West Bromwich — all of which funded loans for home income plans.

Bids for VSEL set to continue

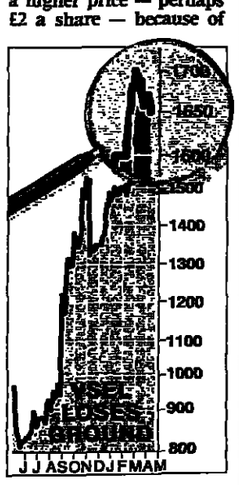
BY ERIC REGULY

MICHAEL HESELTINE, President of the Board of Trade, is expected to announce as early as tomorrow that British Aerospace and GEC can renew their rival offers for VSEL, Britain's only submarine maker.

Mr Heseltine, who received the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the two bids before his trade mission to China, is unlikely to impose any conditions on BAe. But he may insist that GEC keep VSEL's Barrow shipyard, as well as its own yard in Yarrow, in operation for a certain number of years.

The City expects bids to be launched almost immediately if no conditions are imposed on either company. In October BAe offered 3.3 BAe shares for every VSEL share. At BAe's current price of 540p, that would value VSEL at £18 a share and £684 million for the company. GEC offered £532 million in cash before the MMC inquiry was called.

GEC, which owns 14.9 per cent of VSEL, is expected to come back with an all-cash offer the value of which is less than the face value of BAe's. Analysts said BAe can afford to pay a higher price — perhaps £2 a share — because of



£200 million to £400 million in losses that can be reclaimed against tax.

Punters do not seem convinced that the bidding war will get deliciously nasty. Shares of VSEL climbed steadily from less than £13.50 in December to a high of £17.13 last month. In recent weeks, they have been on the wane and closed on Friday at £16.55, down 8p.

The City thinks that GEC, headed by Lord Weinstock, might bid for BAe if it is laden with job-security guarantees and decides against pursuing VSEL. GEC has about £2 billion in cash and could afford a larger company than VSEL.

UK and Germany reject call to build son of Concorde

BY ROSS TIEMAN
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A CALL for the development of a new 350-seat supersonic airliner to replace Concorde has been rejected by the British and German partners in Airbus Industrie.

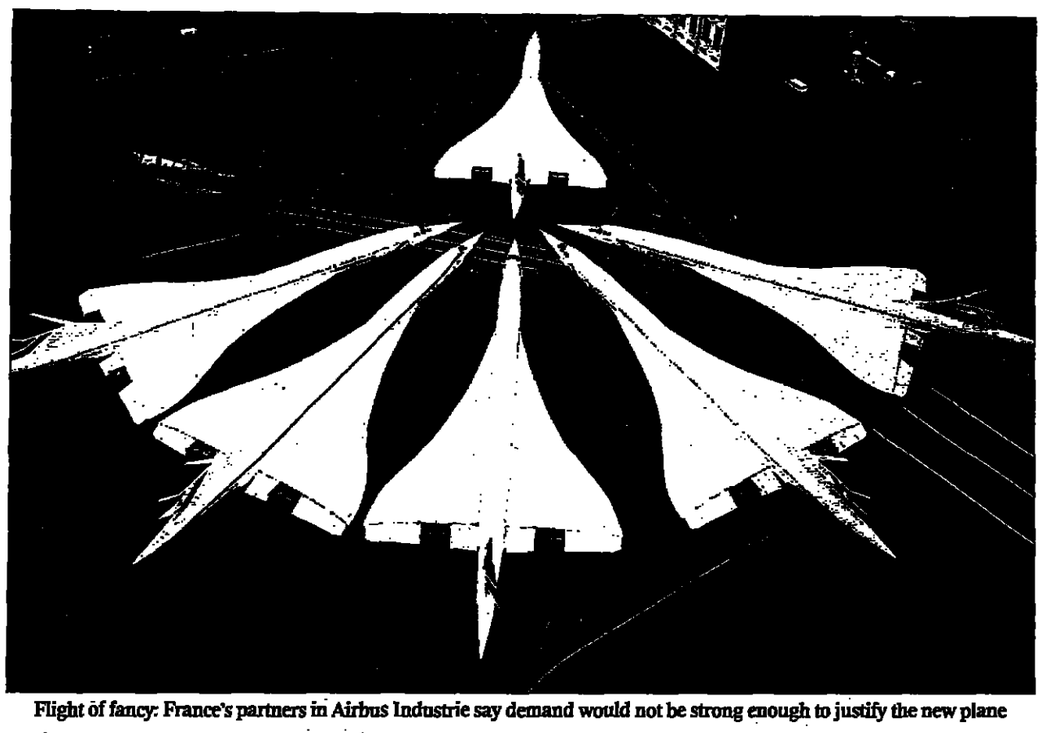
They have told Aerospatiale, their French partner in the European planemakers consortium, that they do not believe demand will be strong enough to justify the $15 billion to $20 billion development costs, even though it would cut the journey time from London to Tokyo to just six hours.

Claude Terrazzoni, head of the aircraft division at Aerospatiale, said: "Our European partners think this market may not develop. Neither Britain nor Germany believes in the project."

Despite the rejection, Aerospatiale, whose forerunner Sud Aviation developed the 100-seat Concorde with British partners 25 years ago, is determined to maintain its campaign for the creation of son of Concorde. "We believe in the supersonic plane," said Mr Terrazzoni.

According to Aerospatiale, a 350-seat transport, flying at twice the speed of sound, would cost some $300 million to $320 million. That is twice as much as a subsonic Boeing 747 jumbo.

But Mr Terrazzoni insists that tickets, costing 10 to 20 per cent more than the business fare for a subsonic jet, would find buyers if they were supported by a premium city centre to city centre service. According to Aerospatiale, the key market for the plane will be the Pacific rim around the year 2020, as demand for long-distance flights accelerates.



Flight of fancy: France's partners in Airbus Industrie say demand would not be strong enough to justify the new plane

Since 75 per cent of flights to the Pacific rim are over water, the company believes opposition to the sonic boom would prove less strident. American objections to the noise of Concorde's four Olympus engines were largely reponsible for the failure of Concorde to become a commercial success.

Louis Gallois, president of Aerospatiale, said he would continue to lobby for a research programme to develop technologies for the plane.

"If we don't take the initiative, no one will," he said. "I am sure that one day the Americans will start and we will have to react. There is no debate about the supersonic plane in Europe. There is in the USA."

Although Aerospatiale's partners in Airbus Industrie have rejected the supersonic plan, they are still debating whether to proceed with a new double-deck rival to the 747. Talks between the Airbus partners and Boeing over a joint project have made little headway.

However, Airbus has apparently reshaped its plans for a 600-seat to 800-seat plane, codenamed the A3XX. If Boeing will not collaborate, Aerospatiale hopes Airbus will press ahead with a 500-seat version of the A3XX with other partners.

Ross Tieman, in Spain, on hopes for regional jets

Aerospace groups court China

BRITISH AEROSPACE and Aerospatiale of France will launch a new regional jet of their own if they fail to win a beauty parade for partners being conducted by the Chinese and the Koreans.

Aerospatiale, which is expected to sign a partnership agreement in regional aircraft with BAe next week, is so committed to the regional aircraft business — although the market is notoriously unprofitable — that it is prepared to compete head on with an Asian partnership backed by Boeing of America. The Anglo-French consortium would seek other partners, including Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) and Asian aerospace companies, to launch a twin-engined replacement for the BAe regional jet. Alternatively, a small jet could be developed by Airbus Industrie, the successful European jetliner consortium made up of Aerospatiale, Dasa, BAe and Casa of Spain.

Joining battle in a market barely able to support two rival planes is seen as a last resort by Aerospatiale. Louis Gallois, Aerospatiale's president, has opened talks with Dasa to try to heal a dangerous rift between the two leading Airbus partners caused by his regional link-up with BAe. M Gallois wants a joint approach to the Chinese with Dasa, which controls Fokker, the Dutch regional jet maker, and which is bidding alone against Aerospatiale/BAe and Boeing for the Asian prize.

"The Chinese have said that they do not want to choose between the Europeans," M Gallois told journalists at a seminar near Gerona, Spain, over the weekend. "I think the Europeans have a strong chance if they are united, but a poor chance separately."

> "The Chinese have said that they do not want to choose between the Europeans"

Boeing, the Europeans' arch-rival, dominates the fast-growing Chinese market. Although the regional jet planned by the Chinese and Korean consortium will be assembled in Asia, after 2000, Dasa will mount, however, now that BAe and Aerospatiale have agreed details of their European collaboration after three months of talks.

ATR, the turboprop maker owned by Aerospatiale and Alenia of Italy, will combine sales and support operations worldwide with BAe's Avro regional jet owners and Jetstream Turboprop Company. Big savings will result from shedding 600 of the 1,500 staff participation would give the European airspace industry a vital bridgehead into Pacific Asia, the world's strongest aircraft market.

Whereas Aerospatiale sees the European role largely as "technical assistance" with design certification and marketing, Dasa is anxious to ensure work for its factories. It has also insisted on leading any European collaboration in regional aircraft. Pressure on in the combined marketing and support operation.

Design work will be concentrated in Toulouse, along with assembly of aircraft from parts supplied by the partners.

The link will create the world's largest regional aircraft group, with combined sales of £850 million. Collaboration will help all three partners to reduce their losses in the regional aircraft business, in which excess capacity is an old problem, and will enhance Aerospatiale's attractions to investors.

Aerospatiale is likely to be privatised by the new right-of-centre government in Paris. The group is, however, undercapitalised, and any sale is likely to include an issue of new shares taking the offer well beyond the group's Fr15 billion (£1.88 billion) valuation.

Privatisation will make it easier for Aerospatiale to develop through joint ventures and acquisitions. Apart from the BAe deal, Aerospatiale has now reached agreement with Dasa over a joint venture in missiles. Talks with Dasa about a joint venture in satellites are also progressing well.

Decision day on link for societies

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Halifax and Leeds Permanent building societies report that they have received exceptionally large mail bags from members voting on their proposed merger and subsequent stock market conversion.

The societies will hold separate special meetings today in Halifax and Leeds to enable members to cast their final votes and to ask the respective boards of directors any questions.

Both the Halifax and the Leeds are confident that they will receive approval to proceed with their plan to create a £90 billion Halifax bank, which will dominate the personal financial services market.

No precise figures will be put on the value of the free shares bonus that will be given to members after the stock market flotation in 1997.

The best estimate is that about 10 million qualifying members of the Leeds and the Halifax could be in line for payouts of between £500 and £600.

Heseltine bullish for prospects in Peking



Li Peng, China's Prime Minister, aims to boost trade

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH exporters to China can rapidly make up for any loss of business that has arisen from the London-Peking dispute over Hong Kong's future, according to Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, just back from China. To help to improve the political climate for intensified trade, he has agreed to set up a bilateral structure involving regular ministerial meetings to foster commercial links.

In an interview with *The Times* after his return at the weekend from a week-long visit to China, Mr Heseltine said that the sheer scale of opportunity in the fast-growing Chinese market meant that business lost over the past two or three years would pale into insignificance compared with what lies ahead.

Mr Heseltine's visit, the first by a Cabinet Minister to China for two years, has reduced concern in the business community that the long dispute between Peking and London over arrangements for Hong Kong after its return to Chinese sovereignty in 1997, had prompted China to restrict dealings with UK firms.

Mr Heseltine said that any loss of business was "not as much as the headlines would lead one to believe" and Britain remained the leading European investor in China and the leading country in Europe in technology transfer.

The trade mission he led to China aboard a specially leased jumbo jet was the largest ever from Britain. Well over £1 billion worth of deals were struck, with more expected to follow. The mission started in Peking and went on to Shanghai and Canton. Mr Heseltine said that the reception he was given by Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, Wu Li, the International Trade Minister, and other Chinese officials was "extremely warm". This contrasted with the continued bitterness of exchanges between London and Peking over Hong Kong.

Mr Heseltine said that he made clear to the Chinese that Britain had "no other agenda than the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong after 1997". He sought to stay away from the substance of the dispute over Hong Kong and expressed the hope that his visit meant a significant improvement in bilateral relations.

The "joint framework" that the two governments will set up will allow regular ministerial discussions on promoting business between British companies and China's state enterprises, municipal authorities and growing private sector. Mr Heseltine underlined the continued importance of the public sector in China, where state enterprises still account for the bulk of output. "China has dramatic plans for increasing imports over the next few years," he said.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SIB wants more regulatory power

THE Securities and Investments Board, the chief city regulator, is in talks with the Treasury about increasing the power it has over the other regulators. At present, SIB does not have the power to dictate to the other self-regulating organisations (SROs) about the way they conduct their business — it can only advise. It does, however, have the power to take away recognition from a regulating body if necessary. SIB's bid to increase its power is part of a review of the regulatory structure, which resulted in the merger between Fimbra and Lautro to form the Personal Investment Authority (PIA).

As well as hoping to increase its powers over other City regulators, SIB is also attempting to obtain more powers to act against errant firms, including the ability to petition for bankruptcy. Increasing SIB's power would involve a change in legislation and could take some time to materialise. SIB's bid to increase its powers may well increase friction with the other SROs, comprising the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, the Securities and Futures Authority and the PIA. Quite a few members of the financial services industry believe that the current two-tier system of regulation with SIB representing the lead regulator is wasteful and leads to a duplication of effort. A recent High Court judgment emphasised that the relationship between SIB and the other SROs is only advisory.

Leeson queries for Lyell

SIR Nicholas Lyell, Attorney-General, is to face questions over the failure of the Serious Fraud Office to question Nick Leeson, the former Barings derivatives trader held in a Frankfurt jail pending the outcome of extradition proceedings launched by the Singaporean authorities. Denis MacShane, Labour MP for Rotherham, has tabled a series of written questions on the collapse of Barings, caused by Mr Leeson's excessive trading in derivatives. Mr MacShane is unhappy with the replies, which he claims revealed that the Government has no interest in pursuing the case. He said: "The Serious Fraud Office sent investigators to Singapore yet Leeson, who is willing to spill the beans, sits unbothered by either SFO or Bank of England investigators."

Two held over BCCI

TWO former Peruvian Central Bank officials sought on corruption charges in connection with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) were arrested in Brazil and Peru's Government plans to seek their extradition. Leonel Figueroa and Hector Neyra, the central bank's president and its general manager during the Government of the former President Alan Garcia, were detained on Saturday by police in Curitiba in southern Brazil, newspaper and television reports said. They are accused of taking a $3.2 million bribe from BCCI to withdraw $270 million of Peru's reserves from Deutschland Bank and Swiss Bank and to deposit the money in the now-defunct BCCI, which was shut down worldwide amid massive fraud allegations.

Consumer upturn near

THE long-awaited upturn in consumer spending should take place next year, according to Professor Douglas McWilliams, economic adviser to the Chartered Institute of Marketing. Professor McWilliams claims that Britain's high street retailers should see business pick up as a result. He argues that wages are rising faster than prices. "Even without tax decreases next year, I believe this would provide consumers with more disposable income," he says. His views contrast sharply with many high street retailers, who say they see little prospect of an upturn in spending. However, Professor McWilliams says: "Next year should be the turning point for consumer spending and will see the start of the retail recovery."

Asda joins cola war

THE battle for supremacy in the cola market steps up today when Asda, the supermarket group, launches its own-label "no-sugar" cola. Asda's launch comes in the wake of highly successful moves into own-label fizzy drinks by supermarket rivals. J Sainsbury's own-label Classic Cola now accounts for about 60 per cent of its total cola sales and the supermarket chain claims an 11 per cent share of the UK market. Coca-Cola remains the dominant brand, with a 61 per cent share of the world market. Asda argues, however, that no-sugar colas are the fastest growing area of the market. Pepsi controls 19 per cent of the no-sugar market, selling 330ml cans at 33p each. Asda, by charging 25p for its no-sugar cola, plans to undercut Pepsi by 8p a can.

Cadbury's Russian move

CADBURY SCHWEPPES, the confectionary group, is expected to confirm reports today that it plans to build a £75 million factory near St Petersburg. It should be completed in the second half of 1996. The company, which sells one million chocolate bars a day in Russia, hopes the factory will help to double its market share to nearer 10 per cent and intends to use it as a base for exports to other countries in the former Soviet Union. Cadbury currently supplies Russia with chocolate bars from plants in Britain, Ireland, Germany and South Africa. Mars is also building a plant in Russia, which is Europe's third largest chocolate market, while Suchard and Nestlé have invested in local Russian companies.

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No home for despair in the housing market

House sales in April, traditionally a high point of the nesting year, were 8 per cent down on April 1994, 45 per cent down on the 1988 peak and the lowest since these particular records began 18 years ago. What a relief. It is hard to imagine a greater contribution to relieving family stress. Or to reducing waste. With luck, the days are gone when pleasant, ordinary, terraced or semi-detached suburban homes would be ripped apart every few years, period features and internal walls alternately removed and reinstated, perfectly good kitchens junked, gardens successively concreted or dug up.

For the industries that supply these talismans of possession, from carpets and curtains to endowment policies, the market's enduring stagnation is no joke. Nor is it for millions of stranded owners caught in the middle with big mortgages.

Many who have been forced to sell because of family break-up, unemployment or the impact of recession on small business, have seen financial plight turned to disaster by sharply falling values in forced sales. There are more permanently dispiriting implications. Couples who bought tiny flats, to secure their place on the housing escalator, find they are marooned by negative equity, with nowhere to house their young families and little prospect of moving.

Are these merely problems of transition to a low-inflation economy? Or has the special British dream of owner-occupation for all disappeared for ever? Those answering these questions with their chequebooks are certainly looking to a brighter, if less frenetic future.

On the very day that those seemingly gloomy housing statistics appeared, officers of the National & Provincial Building Society were opening the envelopes of what amounts to a sealed-bid auction for their organisation. Abbey National, thought to have offered about £1.1 billion, is one suitor prepared to pay comfortably more than asset value for a business dedicated to lending people money to buy houses. Lloyds Bank is paying even more for the Cheltenham & Gloucester, while the top societies are queuing to gobble each other up. Paul Turnbull, economist at Smith New Court, argues that converting some of the £30 billion of mutually held assets into cash could give consumer spending such a shot in the arm that it will keep the economy going.

As usual in bouts of merger-mania, the logic does not bear examining too closely. Banks eye societies in order to diversify out of dull, low-margin business lending markets. Building societies want to merge so that they can diversify out



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of the low-growth, increasingly competitive mortgage market. The common thread is that the number of branches needs pruning heavily to cut costs and that a somewhat smaller but highly profitable mortgage market will then emerge.

Builders evidently have similar ideas. Inland Revenue statistics suggest that, with wide regional variations, prices paid for housebuilding land have risen by roughly 15 per cent over the past year, though they have gone off the boil recently. For more than two years now, housebuilders who ran down their land banks for cash during the recession are replenishing their stocks. In theory, land prices should absorb changes in the market.

Government moves to axe support for home ownership, by phasing out tax relief on mortgage interest and by slashing social security support for mortgage payments for those who lose their jobs, should be reflected in lower land prices. So should greater job insecurity, which has cut the average family's creditworthiness. Even VAT on new housing should fall on landowners, though no government is likely to risk testing the proposition.

Instead, the land market is reacting in more subtle ways. Demand for plots for family houses in the home counties is buoyant, but demand for land to build flats, the traditional starter-home market of the past generation, is nearly dead. This looks bad news for the young.

Those who trade in words rather than cash have an answer. A modern, insecure, mobile, European-style Britain should move away from the burden of owner-occupation. Instead, we should rebuild the rented housing sector, though via private development rather than local authorities, or even housing associations. Advocates of this course, I notice, usually own at least one home themselves, often more than one. More to the point, it is not a general economic proposition, partly because real interest rates are high. At this moment, potential landlords are lobbying the Government heavily to offer cash grants from taxpayers, or even more munificent tax subsidies to mount a strange piece of social engineering to reinvigorate private landlords.

If real interest rates fell, more people could afford to buy and negative equity would gradually disappear. Owner occupiers enjoying accommodation can better take the higher capital risk inherent in a less inflationary housing market and usually manage repairs and maintenance more cheaply by their own labour. And if you lose your job, it is no easier to pay rent than to meet the mortgage.

If people have to save more before they buy their first property, and need not leap on to the bottom rung of the ladder at all costs, there is need for change at the bottom end of the housing market. If taxpayers want to help, however, they should aid those stuck in negative equity and those saving for deposits.

Ministers should consider generous reliefs for new specialised savings vehicles confined to these groups. Government and Opposition might also ponder that a stable housing market is a sign of a healthy society. They should not accept so blithely that families are bound to face an insecure financial future.

RADIO CHOICE

Mr Sax and the ill wind

The Golden Demon — Adolphe Sax. *Radio 3, 9.30pm.*

Neither Adolphe Sax nor his musical invention was universally liked when they launched themselves on Paris in the mid-19th century. The kindest thing said about Sax was that he was a fraud, liar and thief, and the most complimentary thing said about the saxophone was that it was an ill wind that blew nobody any good. Radio 3 tells the story of the man and his brass progeny in five nightly instalments, beginning tonight. The script is by Neil Cargill, whose innovative approach allows inventor (Michael Kitchen) and invention (Saskia Reeves) to talk with each other. Sax is much less truculent than his brainchild. The music, specially written, is composed and played by the jazz saxophonist John Harle.

Opera Behind the Scenes. *World Service, 6.15pm.*

It would be marginalising Gordon Stewart's series to call it opera for beginners. Not that there would be anything wrong with that. The reason I mention beginners is that the first few minutes of tonight's inaugural episode might put you off, with its montage of emotional operagoers' stock responses ("I was in floods of tears," etc). Having got that out of the way, Stewart gets down to brass tacks and interestingly outlines his brief for the next seven episodes. At first, one point he makes tonight sounds simplistic, but think about it and it makes good sense: "We sing all the time when we talk; organise it and you're into opera."

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **4.00pm** Mark Goodier including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, presented by Steve Lamacq **9.00** Collins and Maconie's Hit Parade **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy, sitting in for Terry Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Chris Stuart **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Star Equality: Black women in Hollywood (2/4) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl Euronews; Going Bananas; Police 5 to 12 **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Rescue on Five, incl at **2.35** Actuality **4.00** John Inverdale, incl at **6.15** Crime Update **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Fantasy Rugby **8.05** Inside Edge **9.35** Laying Down the Law **10.05** Laying Down the Law: News Talk Prison Special **11.00** Night Extra, incl **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Polger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee with Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (MW: Off the Shelf **5.45** Did You Know?) **6.00** News **6.30** Anything Goes (MW Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** Earth, Air, Fire and Water **7.30** Foreign Postings **8.00** News **8.15** Development '95 **8.30** Heritage **9.00** News (MW: News in German) **9.10** Faith (MW: News in German) **9.15** Electrons Not Bullets **10.00** Business **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News and Business (MW: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Music **2.00** News **3.03** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Global Concerns (MW: News in German) **4.45** Pop (MW: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Electrons Not Bullets **6.00** News **6.15** Opera Behind the Scenes: See Choice **6.30** World Today (MW: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Multitrack **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Development **Midnight** News **12.05am** Topical Report **12.15** John Dunn **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** Folk **1.45** Britain **2.00** News **2.15** That's Cool **2.45** Health **3.00** News **3.30** Let's Do The Show Right Here **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** John Peel

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** James Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classical Music **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyle **11.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Free Will Discussed **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Boccherini (Sinfonia in F); Chopin (Ballade No 3 in A flat); Tchaikovsky (Overture: 1812); **8.05** *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Trio Sonata in A, Op 5 No 1); **8.25** Puccini (Humming Chorus, Madama Butterfly); Bach (Partita No 3 in E)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Charles Widor and Louis Vierne. Widor (Toccata, Symphony No 5; Andante, Piano Trio in B flat, Op 19; L'aurore; Nuit d'étoiles; La korrigane) Vierne(Largo; Canzonetta; Finale, Symphony No 1)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Berlioz (Chorus of Soldiers and Students, La Damnation de Faust); Paganini (Cantabile in D); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in G, Op 4 No 3); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in D, Op 28, Pastoral); Warlock (Songs); **11.27** *Artists of the Week*: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Bizet (Symphony: Rome)
12.00 The Highest Form of Art (r)
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert: Stephen Kovacevich, piano. Schumann (Novellette in F; Kinderszenen); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E)
2.00 Schools: Lifeskills **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 Paris Orchestra under Pierre Boulez. Schoenberg (Pelleas und Melisande, Op 5)
3.45 The Classical Organ: Richard Coulson plays the 18th-century organ of St Giles, Cripplegate, London.
Boyce (Voluntary in D); Handel (Voluntary in G minor); Carnidge (Concerto No 2 in G minor); Samuel Wesley (Air and Gavotte; Introduction and Fugue); William Walond (Voluntary in G); Henry Smart (Postlude in E flat)
4.30 Sinatra's Jazz: The final programme in Mel Hill's exploration of how jazz influenced the vocal style of Frank Sinatra
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson talks to the Controllers of BBC Radio 1, 2 and 3 about their policies on live coverage of music
5.15 In Tune: Rachmaninov (Polka de W R); Chopin (Allegro de concert); Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra, live from the Festival Hall, under Libor Pesek. Debussy (Images); **8.10** A Cosmic Symphony: The Music of the Spheres: **8.30** Suk (A Summer Tale)
9.30 The Golden Demon — Adolphe Sax: See Choice
9.50 Fairest Isle: Early English Saints Matins for St Dunstan. Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge sing some chants for the feast of the 10th-century Archbishop of Canterbury
10.30 Music for These Distracted Times: Matthew Locke (Flatt Consort in D minor for viols and violins: Concordia)
10.45 Mixing It
11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Emperor Quartet
1.00-2.00 Night School: Letterbox **1.20** Singing Together

RADIO 4

6.00am News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Charismatics **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week
10.00-10.30 News; With Great Pleasure (FM only): The poet Charles Causley presents a selection from his ideal anthology, including poems by W H. Auden, Edward Lear and Shakespeare. Read by Belinda Lang and Bill Wallis
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 From Plato to the Present (LW only): *What Pragmatism Means* by William James
10.30 Woman's Hour: With Jenni Murray. Do women and men behave differently because of their biology or their environment? Marianne Grabrucker and her daughter Annell, whom she set out to bring up free of stereotypes, attempt to shed some light on the question. Serial: *Electricity* (10/13)
11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1995: First round — South of England **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Wedding by Stephen James. This play about a love affair stars Bill Nighy and Elizabeth Bell (r)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift: Presented by Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: With Natalie Whgen. Includes a report on the English National Opera's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
4.45 Short Story: The Wedding Ceilidh. Mark Lambert reads John Burnside's story about an unexpected guest at a wedding celebration
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Selling the Archbishop, by David Pownall. Roger Allam and David Ryall star in the story of a 17th-century archbishop who bitterly opposes a 20th-century plan to erect a statue in his memory
9.15 My Kind of Trust: The architectural historian Mark Girouard visits the National Trust property Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Hemingway's Chair, written and read by Michael Palin
11.00-11.30 Eating Out (FM only): Paul Levy shows Paul Heiney how to combine the perfect ingredients for an opera picnic (r)
11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only)
11.30-12.00 Kipling In Love (FM only): Lispeth. Set in India in 1886, the second of eight plays based on stories by Rudyard Kipling, dramatised by Ed Thomason (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.45am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.45** As World Service (LW)

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Charting the progress of British industry

Philip Bassett looks at the launch today of the Government's second White Paper on competitiveness

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into industry: Competitiveness 2 — the White Paper. With a massed Cabinet fanfare, led by the Prime Minister, the Government will today launch its second report on the state of British industry — with the business jury still out on the last one.

Even those in the Department of Trade and Industry most closely connected with the initiative on competitiveness by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, accept that the first competitiveness White Paper 53 weeks ago today prompted only two cheers from business and Whitehall. And they acknowledge, too, both indifference and hostility to the first one that is likely to be magnified in the response to today's move.

The novelty of a phalanx of Cabinet ministers, including Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, David Hunt, the Cabinet troubleshooter, and Mr Heseltine lining up to launch today's document is inevitably not what it was last year, in spite of the change of venue from the grand surroundings of Lancaster House to the more prosaic QEII conference centre.

Mr Heseltine will attempt to move from the flourishes with which last year's White Paper was produced — including the political spin of it being presented as, in effect, a mid-term Conservative manifesto — to what he wants the initiative to be now: the Government equivalent of a company's annual report, charting carefully each year the relative achievements of British industry against its competitors.

That requires a more downbeat launch for next year's White Paper, if there is one, but the fiery side of Mr Heseltine knows that any such move which does not include the Prime Minister will be interpreted as a downgrading of the initiative.



Michael Heseltine wants to present the equivalent of a company's annual report

Such a balancing act is characteristic of today's White Paper. DTI insiders say that, while Mr Heseltine believes that the importance of the issue means it cannot be boiled down to popular, headline-grabbing moves, his political antennae tells him if there is nothing new in it, the move will be seen as a damp squib rather than a further bold step towards a new dawn. DTI officials hope they have "given him enough for both punches".

Probably the most important new move will be the extension of learning credits — vouchers for adult training. Others will relate to export assistance and scientific support, help for small business, and tendering for government business. But Mr Heseltine will also emphasise a checklist of achievement: what has happened to the 300 specific proposals in last year's White Paper. To the DTI's satisfaction, on only three has it had to record no action.

Today's document is more detailed than last year's: a clear attempt at more conviction. Publicly at least, many parties are convinced of the need to improve Britain's competitiveness. "We are fighting a battle here for Britain's survival," says Mr Heseltine.

The proposal of an annual review was welcomed by Howard Davies, CBI Director-General — unsurprisingly, since he not only pushed for it and its predecessor, but has been closely involved in the drafting of today's document.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, who will give Labour's response today, is convinced about competitiveness, but sceptical about the Government's solution. "The problem with the British economy," he says, "is not that there are not companies that are doing well, or that we are still mired in recession, but that we have not enough well-performing companies and we are not able to grow at a stable rate without inflation coming back."

But Peter Sutherland, former Director-General of the World Trade Organisation, is openly sceptical about the rallying cry of national economic competitiveness. "The notion of competiton between countries and regions is rather simplistic in an era of greater global integration," he says.

"Intervention of this sort tends to build up its own constituency of those who depend financially or politically on its continuation, even in the face of all economic logic. Sooner or later the party has to end, and when it does, all the headaches are far worse than if the market's warnings have been heeded."

Hear, hear, say the Tory right. "Look at what he's managed to do," says one Heseltine supporter. "The kind of shift he's pulled off on Conservative industrial policy would have had him thrown into the Tory cooler five years ago." One former Tory Cabinet minister growls: "Heseltine *should* be in the bloody cooler for this kind of thing. But then he's always been a damned corporatist."

Some in the Treasury are equally sceptical — wary, perhaps above all else, about Heseltinian encroachment on their economic territory. Getting Whitehall onside with the idea of all government policies being tested against the idea of how far they improve competitiveness has been a key feature of the exercise.

"We're not much about tearing down Whitehall castles," says one DTI insider. "More about tunnelling under them." But some in the DTI are so gung-ho on the notion of competitiveness that they are doubtful about even Mr Heseltine's commitment. One DTI official says about an energy initiative in today's document: "This time, we have the personal support of Tim Eggar, strong support from the President, and interest from the Prime Minister."

But even with such weighty backing, some industry leaders will take some convincing about the validity of the competitiveness initiative. While accepting the importance of the idea of a "burr under the saddle", as one conglomerate company head put it, they are doubtful whether in detailing the "long tail" of poorlyperforming UK companies, the Government, of all people, should be handing Britain's competitors a stick with which it can be beaten.

DTI officials maintain in reply they have never seen their highlighting of the UK's competitiveness gap used in that way — and besides, the seriousness of the problem is such that regardless of any potential for mistreatment, it is right for the Government to intervene in industry in this way.

Privately, though, they accept that there are key questions about competitiveness that are difficult to answer. As well as the issue of whether there is such a thing as national competitiveness, and, if there is, whether governments can or should do anything to influence it, they know there are two further central points:

o ☐ Has Britain's competitiveness improved over the past year? Yes, probably, but that is mainly to do with currency fluctuations and improving relative unit labour costs.

o ☐ If it has, has last year's White Paper had much to do with it? Probably not. competitiveness advocates admit, although they emphasise that competitiveness is not a year-by-year measurable issue.

DTI officials point out that in 1900, Britain and the US were level pegging, but that America is now some 40 per cent ahead of the UK in terms of competitiveness. Its improvement rate of about half a per cent a year shows both the scale and the speed of the cultural change tackling problems of competitiveness requires.

Politics, of course, works at the polar opposite of such a timescale, and competitiveness advocates know that if Mr Heseltine were to be moved from the DTI, and a minister of a different Conservative ideology took over — Mr Portillo perhaps — then it might be all over for the competitiveness initiative. Unless, of course, Mr Heseltine is elevated to Downing Street, which might see competitiveness elevated to the level of a national shrine.

In his loftier moments, Mr Heseltine might argue that such short-term considerations are precisely the kind of thing that inhibit the issue of the UK's competitiveness being addressed properly. But though annual reports are useful in charting the progress of companies over time, they are also statements of account and, if possible, improvement.

With the novelty of competitiveness now worn off, and leaving aside the doubts that some in business and Whitehall have about it anyway, Mr Heseltine is likely to have his work cut out to convince people widely of the importance of today's move.

THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Five go in the deep end

THE five-man team snatched from NatWest Stockbrokers on Friday by SGST (Investment Advisers) had better mug up on football and swimming. They are undoubtedly used to advising "old money" and millionaires. What they might need to learn now is how to prevent pools winners who become "new" millionaires overnight from splashing out too quickly. SGST (Investment Advisers), which has won over Tim Brocklebank-Fowler, Victor Van-Boolen, David King, Peter Handcock and Jasper Berry, holds the brief from Littlewoods Pools to "counsel and advise" pools winners of £500,000 plus.

WHITE smoke has yet to puff from BTR's corporate chimney signalling the search for a chairman to succeed Norman Ireland next May is over. From the tracks I hear the odds on Sir Robin Biggam, whose name was in the frame in March, are lengthening.

Perseverance pays

BOFFINS at Waverley, the Edinburgh mining finance group, are wondering if there ever was an exploration company more aptly named? In January, Perseverance Corporation, of which Waverley has 41.2 per cent, started drilling for gold on its Fosterville property in Central Victoria, Australia, and identified a resource of 312,000 ozs. Five months on, the estimate has risen to 504,000 ozs. Can one million be far off?

MORE F-words for Allied Domecq's Firkin pub chain (City Diary, Wednesday): Flood & Firkin at the Thames Barrier, Philander & Firkin at the Bank of England and Faux Pas & Firkin for Tory ministers.

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Black sheep on the farm and in Parliament



Lynne Truss

Ever since Lenny Henry pointed out that Sunday night drama contains no black faces, it has been interesting to see how this trick is pulled off, even without resorting to pre-immigration Britain for *The Darling Buds of May*. For example, last night's **The Vet** (BBC1) was set in rural Devon, where the 16-year-old son of incomer Jennifer Holt usefully remarked to a new chum how odd the school was. "How do you mean?" asked the other boy. "All the white faces," he shrugged.

Meanwhile in ITV's **The Governor**, Lynda La Plante has given herself a dreadful dilemma. Of the 88 felons held in Janet McTeer's nick, how many should be black? In reaching such a controversial decision, a fight breaks out in her conscience. Realism scuffles violently with political correctness, while tokenism takes advantage of the chaos to sledgehammer the toilets. Realism loses, after a cheek-slash from a home-fashioned knife. Result: the 88 prisoners include two West Indians, and the viewer can take it any way he likes. Perhaps the nick is in Devon.

The Vet isn't bad. In the faint praise coined by Terry Wogan during last week's *Eurovision Song Contest*, it's not one of their worst. Suzanne Burden (as Jennifer) will do a lot for the oppressed blonde-fringe minority; meanwhile we pig-ignorant (or sheep-ignorant) viewers who yearn for the job of "agricultural story editor" on *The Archers* may sweep aside all the routine dramatic nonesense about inter-vet rivalries and listen for key words such as "scouring".

The world of *The Vet* is no rural idyll, thank goodness. The landscape is broody, with an orange filter enflaming the sky, and there is tragedy in those barns. You remember in *Far From the Madding Crowd*, when Gabriel Oak's sheep all swell up like footballs and then hurl themselves off a cliff? *The Vet* takes its inspiration from such everyday tales of country folk, and in last night's quite powerful story a young struggling farmer entered his barn to discover that all his lambs had died tragically of thirst, and were now (as far as he could see, peering through the gloom) inert cylinders wrapped in fluffy car-seat covers.

The omni-competent Jennifer encountered a bit of sexual prejudice last night, but if you wanted to insult her, her being a woman would not be the most efficient target. What annoys Jennifer is the condescending assumption among her fellow country vets that her London-based expertise extends only to iddie widdy puddytats. She keeps telling Chris, her unsmiling boss, that this is not the case, but he has a knack of listening without hearing. Chris is played by Richard Hawley, best known as the loyal (short) sidekick to Jane Tennison in *Prime Suspect*, but here given a well-deserved chance to be in charge. The odd thing about Hawley is that, though perfectly credible as a detective or veterinary surgeon, he looks so exactly like a Fleet Street journalist that he could stroll into Wapping, hang his jacket over a chair and start typing a story with two fingers, and nobody would lift an eyebrow.

Let's hope next week's story concerns a performing lapdog with a weepy eye, or something. What with **The Hanging Gale** (BBC1) running after *The Vet*, there's only so much crushing rural misery that a Sunday night viewer can stand. Last night, the plots of the two serials came eerily close — both *The Vet* and *The Hanging Gale* contained market scenes in which precious cattle were sold for less than their worth — but whereas the Devon farmers could sell up finally (bad enough), the poor Irish were burnt out of their houses and sent off barefoot on the road.

The Hanging's Gale's McGann brothers are slowly emerging as characters, but it's still somehow necessary to take them in alphabetical order, thus: Joe is manly and charitable; Mark is moony over his sister-in-law (shades of *Legends of the Fall*); Paul is decent and wears a distinctive shovel-hat; and Stephen blazes with ire. Call me an old pessimist, but in *The Hanging Gale* I suspect things are going to get a lot worse before they get better.

Michael Cockerell worked his usual horrifying magic with **Westminster's Secret Service** (BBC2), his report on the whip-crack-away that keeps parliamentary voting on its toes. Presumably no party leader has ever attempted the experiment of removing the whips, to see how the chaps would vote without either the pressure of blackmail or the temptation of preferment. Now it's too late to try. From the smugly amused manner of the self-confessed whips in last night's programme — including Lord Parkinson and Lord Whitelaw — it appeared that a cessation of whipping would simply spoil the fun. Cockerell ended his report with a rather loaded simile. It concerned Parliament needing whips the way civilisation needs sewers. Possibly he let his mask of journalistic objectivity slip a little here. What surprised me, however, was that while he deftly covered all the angles — the deathbed voting, the Masonic secrecy, the "dirt book", the "shit lists" — he never pointed out how the system surely originates in the public school.

Perhaps it's too obvious to mention, but Tony Hancock's old description of grown-ups as "just moth-eaten kids" applied quite horribly well to the self-satisfied whips seen in *Westminster's Secret Service*. It was so easy to picture them as nasty schoolboys, hoarding the knowledge of where Atkins Minor keeps his jam tarts — and then spending the rest of their professional lives doing the big grown-up equivalent.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (72396)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10607209)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (1965735)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7706342) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1021174)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (s) (4725938)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9596006) **12.05 Pebble Mill**. Gloria Hunniford talks to musician Phil Coulter and to Stan Laurel's daughter, Lois (s) (5677803) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15011358)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (37938) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (76725824)

1.50 Going for Gold. The entertaining Henry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (10181480) **2.15 Knots Landing**. American drama series (s) (6979218). **Wales:** Welsh Questions Live **3.00 Today's Gourmet**. Jacques Pepin prepares recipes from the Arles region of France (7071)

3.30 Cartoon (5825174) **3.45 Dinobabies** (r) (8133938) **4.10 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2517667) **4.30 The Movie Game**. (Ceefax) (s) (1639716)

4.55 Newsround. (Ceefax) (7914667) **5.05 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (1379396)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (244532)

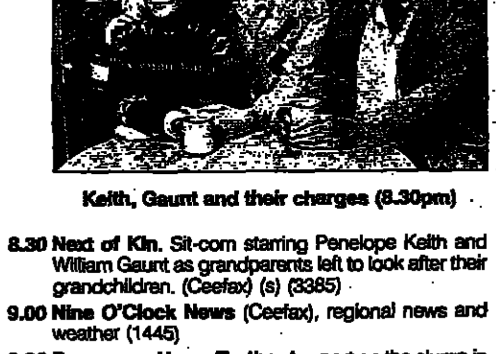
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (919)

6.30 Regional news magazines (241)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Entertainment quiz presented by Mike Smith. The guests are Pat Coombs, Phil Jupitus, Blythe Duff and Moray Hunter. (Ceefax) (s) (5280)

7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck. Judith Hann and Alice Beer present the health magazine. (Ceefax) (s) (483)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (8700)



Keith, Gaunt and their charges (8.30pm)

8.30 Next of Kin. Sit-com starring Penelope Keith and William Gaunt as grandparents left to look after their grandchildren. (Ceefax) (s) (3385)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1445)

9.30 Panorama: Home Truths. A report on the slump in the house market. (Ceefax) (485957)

10.10 FILM: Silent Motive (1992) starring Patricia Wettig and Mike Farrell. A thriller about a serial killer who copies a screenwriter's scenarios. Directed by Lee Phillips. (Ceefax) (6767648)

11.40 Film 95 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Ed Wood* and *Richie Rich*. (Ceefax) (s) (851754)

12.10am FILM: The Internecine Project (1974) starring James Coburn. A man with a past is offered a top American government post and decides to do away with, on the same evening, the four people who could expose him. Directed by Ken Hughes. (Ceefax) (4375743) **1.35 Weather** (9015965)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: The Origins Of State Social Work **6.45** The US in the 20th Century: Representing the People **7.35** Managing Schools: My Time and Yours (99564006)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7953174)

8.15 Westminster On-Line With Sarah Baxter (s) (3637236)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1032280) **1.45** Words and Pictures (95177193) **2.00** Noddy (98205087)

2.10 FILM: Triumph Of the Heart (1991) starring Mario Van Peebles and Lane Davies. A drama about an American football star who befriends a young man with a physical handicap. When the star's career is threatened by a life-threatening disease he finds himself inspired by his young friend. Directed by Richard Michaels (s). Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **3.00** (295025) **3.55 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3769193)

4.00 Today's the Day. Martyn Lewis with another round of the recent history quiz (s) (984)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (s) (396)

5.00 Esther. A studio discussion on bullying, chaired by Esther Rantzen. With guest Duncan Goodhew, who was a victim owing to his dyslexia (s) (8218)

5.30 Catchword with Paul Coia (s) (648)

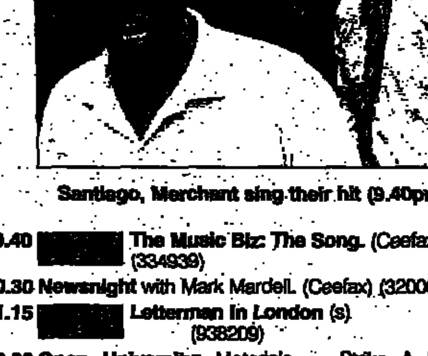
6.00 Buck Rogers In The 25th Century. Science-fiction adventures starring Gil Gerard (r) (49455848)

7.35 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories: The Eternal Mind. A dying scientist transfers his mind to a computer. Starring Jeffrey Jones (795377)

8.00 The Net. Computer magazine. (Ceefax) (s) (6342)

8.30 Perpetual Motion. In praise of the DC3 Dakota, of which, 60 years after its maiden flight, there are still 1,000 in use (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8377)

9.00 Outer Limits: Valerie 23. Science-fiction thriller series. (Ceefax) (s) (576822)



Santiago, Merchant sing their hit (9.40pm)

9.40 The Music Biz: The Song. (Ceefax) (s) (334939)

10.30 Newsnight with Mark Mardell. (Ceefax) (320006)

11.15 Letterman in London (s) (938209)

12.00 Open University: Materials — Strike A Light (6107439) **12.25am** Design Principles and Practice (1897897) **1.15 Weather** (4228656)

1.20 The Record. The day in Parliament (s) (2719491). Ends at **1.50**

5.15 BBC Select: DOH Special — Doing No Harm (9677743) **5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update** (47526)

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CHOICE



Jemma Redgrave as Eleanor Bramwell (ITV, 9.00pm)

Bramwell
ITV, 9.00pm

Lucy Gannon, the creator of *Soldier, Soldier* and *Peak Practice* goes back to Victorian London for her latest drama, which follows the ambitions of a young woman doctor. Through social history glossed with modern feminism, the point is forcefully made that Jemma Redgrave's Eleanor Bramwell is a lonely voice in a man's world. "The female brain", declares Robert Hardy's patronising surgeon as he bans Eleanor from his hospital, "is smaller and weaker and not suited to scientific matters. God made women for other things than medicine." Thus slighted, Eleanor leaves her comfortable home to set up in the East End slums. But not before she has exposed the hypocrisy and incompetence of the male medical establishment.

The Wild West
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Part three of Ric Burns's impressive series opens in 1865. The Civil War is over and the pace of westward expansion quickens. At its heart is the building of the transcontinental railway, an heroic enterprise that proceeds at the astonishing rate of a mile of new track a day. The invention of moving film is still 30 years away but as previously in this series, the use of still photographs is so striking that its absence hardly matters. The other resources, paintings, the words of contemporaries and popular song combine intelligently with a crisp and lucid commentary. Two famous westerners, William Cody and the future General Custer, make their first apperance. But they are far from the heroes of Hollywood myth.

The Music Biz: The Song
BBC2, 9.40pm

Pity the poor songwriters, particularly if they do not own the copyright. Older viewers may remember a Brooklyn quintet called Frankie Lymon and The Teenagers. Their big hit, penned by Herman Santiago and Jimmy Merchant, was *Why Do Fools Fall in Love?* It became a pop standard, but the writers received not a penny in royalties. One became a cab driver, the other lived on social security. This sad tale, and its happy ending, forms the centrepiece of a disenchanted look at an area of the music business that has a few big winners and many losers. The low status of songwriters is exemplified by the pair who produced Madonna's *Like a Virgin*. When they finally met the singer, she dismissed them with barely a word.

Letterman in London
BBC2, 11.15pm

The champion of the American talk show circuit, and this year's Oscars host, comes to Britain to present a week of programmes. Sky One viewers were able to see them last week but this is David Letterman's first appearance on the Beeb. Beyond a naive charm his appeal is difficult to grasp but Americans love him. Within a year of launching his show on CBS he had displaced the NBC rival, long and famously presented by Johnny Carson, at the top of the ratings. His programmes have been noted for unruly guests, such as Madonna. Elton John, who appears tonight, is unlikely to maintain the tradition but with Joanna Lumley, Jennifer Saunders and Peter O'Toole also lined up, who knows?

Peter Waymark

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6.00am GMTV (23957)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (8291464) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1026629)

10.00 Step by Step. American sit-com (r) (s) (96311)

10.30 This Morning (6457822) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9585990)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7279648)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (7287667) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (76725879)

2.20 Blue Heelers (9163716) **3.15 Carlton Parenting Week**. Fiona Oates looks ahead to programmes aimed at parents everywhere (4278880) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (7428303) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8878844)

3.30 Rainbow (s) (5829990) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (5032367) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (r) (1879006) **4.15 Hurricanes** (r). (Teletext) (s) (2592358) **4.40 Terror Towers** (Teletext) (s) (4691006)

5.10 After 5 with Trish Williamson (Teletext) (1363735)

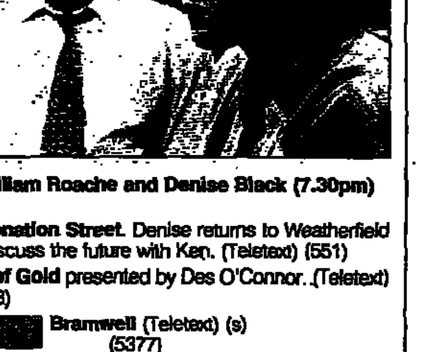
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) (518754)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (417532)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (777)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (667)

7.00 Get a Life! presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Includes the story of a little girl who survived difficult facial surgery to become a queen of the catwalk (7648)



William Roache and Denise Black (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Denise returns to Weatherfield to discuss the future with Ken. (Teletext) (551)

8.00 Pot of Gold presented by Des O'Connor. (Teletext) (2613)

9.00 Bramwell (Teletext) (s) (5377)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (79071)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (425193)

10.40 Sport in Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves are joined by cricketer Clive Lloyd, Brian Clough and Rob Hughes, football correspondent of *The Times* (s) (810214)

11.40 Carlton Sport — World League of American Football. Highlights of London Monarchs v Barcelona Dragons (846822)

12.10am The Equalizer (7929675)

1.10 Best of British Motorsport. Geoff Clark introduces action from different formulas during the 1995 season (2578502)

1.40 Sport AM (9916781)

2.40 Quiz Night (9517052)

3.05 FILM: The Black Rider (1954, b/w) starring Jimmy Hanley. A young reporter thwarts the plans of smugglers "haunting" a ruined castle. Directed by Wolf Rilla (4886472)

4.10 On the Live Side with Booker T and Richie Cole (s) (16242965)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (10391033)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (1335897)

5.30 ITN Morning News (34052). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7108483)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (10261)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (69648)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (4447261) **9.45** Ready, Set, Go (4221880) **10.02** Stage Two Science (9635547) **10.20** Place and People (2358377) **10.40** The English Programme (5781396) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9804261) **11.15** Visual World (1752880) **11.30** Film and Video Showcase (2344547) **11.40** Breaking the Mould (3068984)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). . (Teletext) (s) (76984)

12.30 Sesame Street. (r) (32735) **1.30 Mr Men** followed by **Paddington, The Wombles,** and **Further Tales of the Riverbank** (r) (42256416)

1.55 Out Of the Past. An Equinox documentary looking at the modern face of archaeology (r). (Teletext) (5003735)

3.00 The Late Late Show (s) (6772087)

3.55 Garden Club (r). (Teletext) (s) (5183551)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (464)

5.00 The Golden Girls. More comedy from the Miami matrons (r). (Teletext) (s) (8754)

5.30 The Five Mrs Buchanans. American sit-com about four wives and their overbearing mother-in-law. (Teletext) (s) (716)

6.00 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (629)

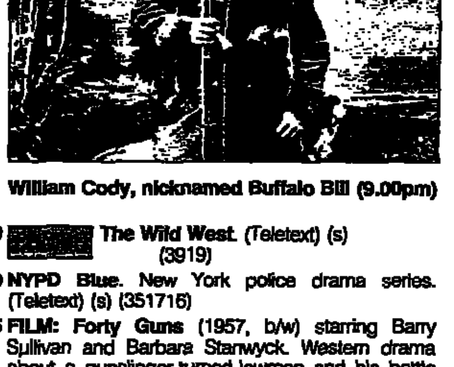
6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American college comedy. (Teletext) (s) (209)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (371795)

7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (305803)

8.00 Jimmy's (r). (Teletext) (4938)

8.30 Home Improvement. American comedy series about the host of a television DIY series. (Teletext) (s) (3445)



William Cody, nicknamed Buffalo Bill (9.00pm)

9.00 The Wild West. (Teletext) (s) (3919)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (351716)

10.55 FILM: Forty Guns (1957, b/w) starring Barry Sullivan and Barbara Stanwyck. Western drama about a gunslinger-turned-lawman and his battle with an autocratic rancher who runs Tombstone with a private 40-strong army of gunmen. Directed by Samuel Fuller. (Teletext) (5899919)

12.25am Catholics and Sex. The second of a four-part series. Catholic women from three generations talk about how the Church's ban on contraception has affected their lives (r) (7283385)

1.30 Clash Of the Ash. An Irish tale of a young hurling star who has to choose between his sport and his studies as well as his friend's former girlfriend (r) (9202656)

2.25 FILM: Over the Moon (1937, b/w) starring Merle Oberon and Rex Harrison. A comedy about a woman who inherits a fortune and then decides to go on a continental spree, much to the consternation of her doctor fiancé. Directed by Thornton Freeland and William K. Howard (3393385). Ends at **3.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (1026629) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (9585990) 12.55 Coronation Street (7287667) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (16988803) 2.20 Look and Cook (20043551) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (2403209) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (8878844) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1363735) 6.30-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (667) 10.30 Anglia News (425193) 10.40 The Road Show (892822) 12.10am Cowboys in Skirts - The Making of 'Rob Roy' (6173472) 12.40 The High Country (638762) 2.35 Sport AM (4130878) 3.30 ITV Sport Classics (24932588) 3.55 The Time... the Place (6056410) 4.30 Yan Can Cook (13548) 5.00 Wanted Dead or Alive (75948)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20 Yan Can Cook (20043551) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (2403209) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1363735) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (496990) 10.30-10.40 Central News and Weather (425193) 11.40 Bodies of Evidence (370261) 12.40am ITV Sport Classics (7325323) 4.10 Jobfinder (8614675) 5.20 Asian Eye (8722385)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (7287667) 1.25 Home and Away (51400990) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (3023464) 2.45-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (8185649) 3.25-3.30 Granada News (8878844) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1363735) 6.25 Granada Tonight (496990) 10.30 Granada News (425193) 10.40 The Motor Show (892822) 11.10 Sport in Question (885716) 12.10am Cowboys in Skirts - The Making of 'Rob Roy' (6173472) 12.40-1.10 Coach (7325323)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7287667) 1.25 Home and Away (16988803) 1.55 Gardening Calendar (69806795) 2.25-3.20 Highway to Heaven (9162087) 5.10-5.40 Yan Can Cook (1363735) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (667) 10.40 The Equalizer (610214) 11.40 Spotlight (846822) 12.10am Sport in Question (7929675) 4.10 Jobfinder (7746946)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales Headlines (1026629) 12.20pm-12.30 HTV Wales News and Weather (9585990) 1.55-2.25 Baby Talk (69806795) 3.25-3.30 HTV Wales News (8878844) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (667) 10.30-10.40 HTV Wales News (425193) 11.40 The Trek (846822)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7287667) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (16988803) 2.20-3.20 Father Dowling (7342174) 3.25-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (8878844) 5.10 Home and Away (1363735) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - The Listings (437396) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (777) 6.30-7.00 Wild about Essex (667) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (425193) 10.40 The Road Show (892822) 12.10am The Powers That Be (6173472) 12.40 The High Country (638762) 2.35 Sport AM (4130878) 3.30 ITV Sport Classics (24932588) 3.55 The Time... the Place (6056410) 4.30 Yan Can Cook (13548) 5.00 Freescreen (75948)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7287667) 1.25 Home and Away (16988803) 1.55 Gardeners' Diary (69806795) 2.25 The Young Doctors (20042822) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1363735) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (49957) 11.40 The Equalizer (370261) 12.40am New Candid Camera (7325323) 4.10 Jobfinder (7746946)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7287667) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (16988803) 2.20 Wish You Were Here...? (20043551) 2.50 Help Yourself (2210193) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (6188754) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1363735) 5.55 Calendar (707483) 6.30-7.00 One Summer in Bronte Country (667) 10.40 Rock of the North (810214) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (589619) 12.35am Sport in Question (3878946) 1.35 Trauma (117120) 3.10 The New Music (2369168) 4.10 Disaster Chronicles (55538007) 4.35 Jobfinder (9597507)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (10261) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (69648) 9.30 Ysgolion (157174) 12.00pm Right To Reply (76984) 12.30 The Magic Roundabout (89990) 1.00 Slot Meithrin: Caffi Sali Mali (20648) 1.30 Dolphin Dilemma (3938942) 2.25 The Reckless Moment (4124396) 3.55 The Garden Club: Perth (5183551) 4.30 Quids In (5803938) 4.45 Rocko's Modern Life (5891193) 5.00 5 Pump Maldwyn (9125822) 5.10 5 Pump: Steddfod (8907261) 5.30 Fifteen To One (716) 6.00 Newyddion (166396) 6.15 Heno (133919) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (8880) 7.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar (193) 8.00 Teulu'r Tir (4838) 8.30 Newyddion (3445) 9.00 NYPD Blue (140396) 9.55 Sgorio (758984) 10.55 Roseanne (353209) 11.50 Friends (117822) 12.15am The Howling (397878)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (58223) 8.00 Power Rangers (97445) 8.30 Blockbusters (96716) 9.00 Oprah Winfrey (39193) 10.00 Concentration (34377) 10.30 Card Sharks (17880) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (71396) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (90532) 12.30pm Designing Women (49396) 1.00 The Waltons (37551) 2.00 Matlock (35006) 3.00 Oprah Winfrey (4576025) 3.50 DJ Kat (2592303) 4.30 Power Rangers (3984) 5.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (5367) 6.00 Spellbound (7377) 6.30 Family Ties (8629) 7.00 Rescue (1006) 7.30 M*A*S*H (4613) 8.00 Hawkeye (74006) 9.00 Fire: Australian fire-fighting drama series (81342) 10.00 Quantum Leap (64629) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (576358) 11.50 LA Law (198398) 12.45am The Untouchables (7052897) 1.30 In Living Color (73149) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix (4749304)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2078984) 9.30 The Trial of O.J. Simpson (5200342) 10.10 CBS 60 Minutes (1841342) 11.00 World News and Business (883174) 1.30pm CBS News (69087) 2.30 Parliament Live (80236) 3.30 Parliament Live (9735) 4.00 World News and Business (50984) 5.00 Live at Five (8211377) 8.05 Richard Littlejohn (326667) 9.00 World News and Business (8396) 9.30 The O.J. Simpson Trial (7803) 12.30am CBS News (8701217) 1.10 Richard Littlejohn Replay (8006323) 2.30 Parliament Replay (70507) 4.30 CBS News (37136) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (76052)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5747826) 10.00 Summer and Smoke (1961) (47984) 12.00 Cold River (1982) (49208) 2.00pm The Southern Star (1969) (541716) 3.50 Ocean's Eleven (1960) (91893551) 5.55 The News Boys (1992) (42686754) 8.00 Web of Deceit (1994) (63990) 10.00 Honeymoon in Vegas (1992) (346280) 11.40 Jason Goes to Hell: The Final Friday (1993) (678939) 1.10am Payday (1972) (282502) 2.50 Secret Ceremony (1969) (771743) 4.35-6.00 Cold River (1982): As noon (7957033)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00pm Showcase (44803) 4.00 A Woman's Vengeance (1947) (1813) 6.00 Suspicion (1941) (64657) 8.00 Kes (1970) (63984) 10.00 Hamburger Hill (1987) (530532) 11.50-2.00am Blue Collar (1978) (21739713)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Let's Make Love (1960) (93551) 8.00 Black Arrow (1988) (85919) 9.00 The Emperor's New Clothes: Transparent cartoon (22803) 10.00 The Ambassador's Daughter (1956) (41754) 12.00 Call Northside 777 (1948) (30551) 2.00pm The Captive City (1952) (79551) 4.00 Black Arrow (1988): As 8am (41280) 5.00 The Emperor's New Clothes: As 9am (6089071) 5.55 The Flood: Who Will Save Our Children? (1993) (21543938) 7.30 UK Top Ten (3551) 8.00 In the Line of Fire (1993) (73020280) 10.10 One of Her Own (1994) (623025) 11.45 Untamed Heart (1993) (654006) 1.30am 12:01 (1993) (778255) 3.05-4.40 Exposed (1983) (94904588)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS
7.00am World Sport Special (14071) 7.30 World Superbikes (28445) 8.30 Aerobics Oz Style (45919) 10.00 Powerboat World (78735) 10.30 Windsurfing (29483) 11.00 The Big League Special (91006) 1.00pm ATP Tennis, Live (120700) 4.00 Powerboat (1700) 4.30 Windsurfing (7984) 5.00 World Wrestling Federation (6193) 6.00 Rugby League Academy. Final (57754) 7.00 The Winning Post, live from Edinburgh and Warwick (70385) 9.00 Boxing: Evander Holyfield v Ray Mercer; Robbie Regan v Alberto Jiminez (846716) 12.00 The Story of the FA Cup 1994/1995 (44014) 1.00-2.00am Rugby League Academy — Final (23217)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurofun (91174) 8.00 Athletics (32990) 9.30 Motors Magazine (55464) 11.00 Motorcycling (20862) 12.00 Touring Car (53938) 1.00pm Athletics (78006) 2.30 Tennis (24629) 4.30 Touring Car (44416) 5.30 Motorcycling (1585006) 6.45 News (934919) 7.00 Speedworld (92803) 9.00 Football (93667) 10.30 Boxing (62532) 11.30 Eurogolf Magazine (72006) 12.30-1.00am News (87684)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (1892174) 8.30 Peyton Place (1881445) 9.00 As the World Turns (9406629) 10.00 Guiding Light (8375648) 11.00-12.00 Another World (8376377)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Video Trips (1885261) 12.30pm Boomerang (4033209) 1.00 Ticket to Paradise (8286700) 1.30 Pierre Franey (4026280) 2.00 Getaway (7430700) 2.30 Travels in Europe (9517071) 3.00 Over the Wall in China (1548532) 4.00 Sky Travel Guide (9604551) 4.30 Boomerang (9600735) 5.00 Trailside (7527280) 5.30 Pierre Franey (9891087) 6.00 Travels in Europe (9518700) 6.30 American Vacation (5172629) 7.30 Getaway (9601464) 8.00 Around the World (7523464) 8.30 Sky Travel Guide (7439071) 9.00 Globetrotter (1556551) 9.30 American Vacation (3061700) 10.30 Trailside (1812938) 11.00 American Trail (1568396) 11.30-12.00 Cruising the Globe (8971174)



David Bradley trains his kestrel (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (7498613) 9.30 Simply Delicious in France and Italy (7888358) 10.00 Running Repairs (5746990) 10.30 Tattoos (7590025) 11.00 Only Human (7814416) 12.00 Magic or Medicine? (7801209) 1.00pm Simply Delicious in France and Italy (2363764) 1.30 The Joy of Painting (7881445) 2.00 Jimmy's (8112071) 2.30 Transplant Families (5074667) 3.00 Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (8204006) 3.30-4.00 Running Repairs (5973984)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (9113241) 7.30 Neighbours (1119826) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7580648) 8.30 EastEnders (7589919) 9.00 The Bill (7490071) 9.30 Paul Temple (9549716) 10.30 Juliet Bravo (85206532) 11.35 Going for Gold (12492087) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7583735) 12.30pm Neighbours (7884532) 1.00 EastEnders (9231982) 1.30 The Bill (7883803) 2.00 Spring and Autumn (8294629) 2.30 My Wife Next Door (5076025) 3.00 Knots Landing (3089648) 4.00 Dallas (3091483) 5.00 Every Second Counts (5786648) 5.35 Dick Emery (6718984) 5.50 Hi-De-Hi (1134342) 6.30 EastEnders (5068006) 7.00 Secret Army (2211735) 8.00 The Dawson Watch (8207193) 8.30 Naked Video (8113700) 9.00 A Sense of Guilt (2217919) 10.00 The Bill (7584464) 10.30 Top of the Pops (9288700) 11.10 Alas Smith and Jones (8457803) 11.50 Dr Who (9484342) 12.20am FILM: Ill Met by Moonlight (1956): Dirk Bogarde and the Cretan Resistance kidnap a Nazi general (4446089) 2.10 Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (72358) 7.00 Sonic (50848) 7.30 Creepy Crawlers (62483) 8.00 Degrassi Junior High (60700) 8.30 Super Mario Brothers (3747984) 8.45 Casper (3848887) 9.00 Sesame Street (28667) 10.00 Tiny TCC (81735) 12.00 Madeline (43087) 12.30pm Tiny TCC (78803) 2.30 Barney (4006) 3.00 Dinobabies (3071) 3.30 Sonic (9551) 4.00 California Dreams (5358) 4.30-5.00 Degrassi Junior High (1342)

NICKELODEON
7.00am NickAlive (3529938) 7.15 Carmen Sandiego (403087) 7.45 Rugrats (402358) 8.15 Mighty Max (597990) 8.45 NickAlive (6312416) 9.00 Nick Jr (209396) 12.00 Carmen Sandiego (18377) 12.30pm Pee-Wee (47377) 1.00 Smoggies (11984) 1.30 Grimmy (46848) 2.00 Denver (1648) 2.30 Galaxy High School (1990) 3.00 Dungeons and Dragons (3483) 3.30 Alex Mack (3735) 4.00 Mighty Max (8342) 4.30 Rugrats (1754) 5.00 Clarissa Explains It All (2700) 5.30 Odyssey (2006) 6.00 Doug (9919) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (5311)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (5065919) 4.30 Crawl Into My Parlour (5054803) 5.00 Fire! (8209551) 5.30 Spirit of Survival (5078483) 6.00 Invention (9331795) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (3848483) 7.30 Future Quest (5055532) 8.00 Space Shuttle (2228025) 9.00 The Nature of Things (2208261) 10.00 Classic Wheels (2218648) 11.00-12.00 Elite Fighting Forces (6321101)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Brain That Wouldn't Die (1963) (1076006) 1.30pm Death Valley Days (7705071) 2.00 The Avengers (6741445) 3.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (8291532) 3.30 Hogan's Heroes (5073938) 4.00 FILM: The Night My Number Came Up (1955) (17144919) 5.45 Torchy the Battery Boy (6790754) 6.00 It's Garry Shandling's Show (5062622) 6.30 Man in a Suitcase (1968087) 7.30 The Adventures of Robin Hood (5058358) 8.00 The Avengers (2215551) 9.00 The New Avengers (2202087) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Percy (1971): Sex farce with Hywel Bennett (3073087)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (4590822) 7.00 Living Magazine (7182358) 9.00 On the House (4575822) 9.30 Kate and Allie (5827174) 10.05 Health UK (2797071) 10.35 The Susan Powter Show (70668938) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (5683532) 11.55 The Simple Programme (89993613) 12.00 Kilroy (6925483) 12.55pm Masterchef (1205613) 1.30 The New Mr and Mrs Show (2864358) 2.00 Agony Hour (7773716) 3.00 Living Magazine (9114648) 4.00 Infatuation (2254532) 4.30 Crosswits (9265367) 5.05 The Joker's Wild (75266358) 5.30 Take Six Cooks (7927984) 6.05 The Susan Powter Show (3751735) 6.30 Brookside (8949551) 7.05 Crosswits (5094699) 7.35 The Joker's Wild (6163716) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (8642445) 8.55 The Simple Programme 9.00 FILM: Something So Right (1982) (87483919) 10.55 Sneak Scenes (7406919) 11.00 Brookside (9021984) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (7696071)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (8716) 5.30 Teen Win, Lose or Draw (8822) 6.00 My Two Dads (5735) 6.30 Catchphrase (6087) 7.00 Busman's Holiday (1280) 7.30 Road to Avonlea (97648) 8.30 Home to Roost (6735) 9.00 Sirens (59006) 10.00 Trivial Pursuit (44716) 10.30 The Adventures of Tintin (53464) 11.00 Lou Grant (69396) 12.00 Zorro (57965) 12.30am Evening Shade (44994) 1.00 Trivial Pursuit (28912) 1.30 Rhoda (44675) 2.00 Sirens (85694) 3.00 Lou Grant (45859) 4.00 Rhoda (98033) 4.30-5.00 Zorro (22965)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (80323) 6.30 The Grind (32754) 7.00 3 from 1 (4394193) 7.15 Awake on the Wildside (5408209) 8.00 VJ Ingo (113025) 11.00 Soul (40261) 12.00 Greatest Hits (98280) 1.00pm The Afternoon Mix (99700) 2.00 3 from 1 (52759342) 2.15 The Afternoon Mix (4447006) 3.00 Cinematic (5875700) 3.15 The Afternoon Mix (6789434) 4.00 MTV News (6889193) 4.15 The Afternoon Mix (6979716) 4.30 Dial MTV (3700) 5.00 Hit List UK (66938) 7.00 Greatest Hits (54280) 8.00 Aerosmith Rockumentary (6358) 8.30 LL Cool J Rockumentary (8193) 9.00 The Real World (10358) 9.30 Beavis and Butthead (94209) 10.00 MTV News (609700) 10.15 Cinematic (191483) 10.30 First Look (55822) 11.00 The End? (25261) 12.30am The Grind (44912) 1.00 Soul (67675) 2.00 Night Videos (8362656)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (8285071) 9.00 Café VH-1 (7351551) 12.00 The Bridge (4014174) 1.00pm Ten of the Best (4023822) 2.00 Heart and Soul (8985377) 3.00 Into the Music (6356848) 6.00 VH-1-2-3 (4559377) 6.15 Prime Cuts (4547532) 6.30 VH-1 to 1: Stevie Wonder (9614938) 7.00 VH-1 for You (8177445) 8.00 VH-1 Album Chart (8197209) 10.00 The Bridge (8176716) 11.00 The Nightfly (9550551) 1.00am Ten of the Best (6473762) 2.00-7.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 8am to 7pm, including 5.00pm Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (78930613) 8.00 Alif Laila (49112629) 8.30 Rishtey (49031700) 9.00 India Business Report (49128280) 9.30 Dillagi (76273358) 10.00 Aap Ki Farmaish (96512919) 10.30 Kya Scene Hai (49124464) 11.00 Wah Janab (71666984) 11.30 Filmi Chakkar (71687613) 12.00 Campus (49115716) 12.30pm Khubsoorat (76277174) 1.00 Punjabi FILM (48074193) 4.00 Urdu Serial — Grihit (71753464) 5.00 Junglee Toofan Tyre Puncture (91823613) 5.30 Rishtey (64931938) 6.00 Gujurati Sitcom — Ita Kitta (64921551) 6.30 Campus (64912803) 7.00 Galaxzee (91716377) 7.30 Start Sound (64918087) 8.00 News; Zee and U (91725025) 8.30 Commander (91704532) 9.00-12.00 Hindi FILM (6089648)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Nancy Goes to Rio (1950) (95885716) 9.00 Home from the Hill (1960) (30309551) 11.30 The Subterraneans (1960) (17930464) 1.05am The Magic Garden of Stanley Sweetheart (1970) (58538472) 3.00-5.00 The Subterraneans (1960). As 11.30pm (66331410)

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Lloyd's increases names' settlement package to £2.5bn

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

LLOYD'S of London is attempting to take the sting out of tomorrow's announcement of further losses of £1.5 billion by unveiling a settlement package of more than £2.5 billion to loss-making names.

After tense negotiations last week the value of the offer was raised from £2 billion to more than £2.5 billion — significantly above the £900 million names were offered in the last settlement initiative in May 1993. But the offer is less than the losses suffered by the names. The forecast £1.5 billion loss, which relates to 1992, pushes the total losses in the last five years to almost £9 billion. More than 20,000 names are attempting to recover their losses by taking legal action, which Lloyd's is trying to halt by offering names an out-of-court settlement.

The latest offer, six months in the making, is in two parts — cash and credits. The cash element, in the form of cheques, has been dubbed "Harrods money" within Lloyd's because names can freely spend it — at Harrods if they wish.

The size of the cheque will be determined by the strength of a name's legal actions. That is, each cheque will reflect the amount a name would expect to win from court actions, in turn determined by the level of insurance cover available to meet the award.

The balance of the offer is expected to be in the form of a credit. The drawback for names is that these credits can only be used to discharge debts to Lloyd's, which amount to £800 million. But still under discussion is the possibility that the credits could be used to help to pay names' way into Equitas, the reinsurance company being set up to take over their old-year liabilities.

The offer, as with last time, is believed to have been structured to favour the hardest-hit names. While it will cover all names, it will offer those with exposure to more than one significant loss-making syndicate an extra piece of the cake. The details of these loadings, paid in credits, have yet to be finalised but it will be more sophisticated than last time. It is expected to be loss related rather than purely syndicate based.

The financing of the offer comes from numerous sources. Funding the cash element of the offer are the 98 errors and omissions insurers, who provided cover to the Lloyd's agencies being sued by the names, together with other Lloyd's professionals and related parties. The E&O insurers are thought to be contributing some £800 million — double the amount offered last time.

A further £100 million is expected to come from the members' agents, again double their contribution last time, while insurance brokers and accountancy firms are contributing further sums. However, in marked contrast to before, part of the funding is to come from ongoing names. Lloyd's proposes moving from a three-year accounting system to a one-year system at the end of the year by closing 1993, 1994 and 1995 years of account. This will release profits early. Part of these profits will help to fund the offer.

In a separate move, the Lloyd's attempt to recover £800 million of unpaid debts is expected to take a new twist today when, for the first time in the insurance market's 308-year history, Lloyd's agencies will issue writs against names.

This is the first tangible evidence of the attempt to shift the burden of debt collection from the corporation to the market's professionals. A total of 44 writs are being served on 25 names.

Cabinet to spell out help for industry

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government will claim today that Britain's industrial competitiveness is improving as it launches a wide-ranging series of proposals aimed at supporting British business.

John Major will lead a team of Cabinet ministers in publishing the Government's latest White Paper on industrial competitiveness.

The document will attempt to chart improvements in Britain's industrial performance and propose a range of new moves that ministers believe will help it further.

Business groups will welcome the proposals although they are likely to receive a sceptical reception from Labour and the trade unions.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, will unveil the White Paper in the Commons this afternoon before he and Mr Major, together with a range of other ministers, including Kenneth Clarke, promote it at a formal launch afterwards.

The document will examine industrial performance sector by sector. It will not, however, publicly detail the Government's estimate that Britain is some 25 per cent behind its principal industrial rivals in terms of competitiveness.

Expectations are that it will maintain that although Britain boasts has many world-class performing companies, most still form a "long tail" of industrial underperformers.

☐ The competitive position of British companies is being impaired by inappropriate funding decisions, according to a survey by Barclays Mercantile, the asset finance house that is a subsidiary of Barclays Bank.

Barclays Mercantile found that more than 60 per cent of directors surveyed had used cash or overdrafts to fund the purchase of capital equipment in the first quarter of 1995. The finance house argues that it would be more appropriate for companies to use long-term funding linked to the lifespan of the equipment.

Cash was the most popular method of funding across all industry sectors, with 50 per cent of those surveyed using their own funds for capital purchases. Only 23 per cent had used hire-purchase agreements and only 10 per cent had used leasing.

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Referral threat to S&N bid

By Melvyn Marckus
City Editor

SPECULATION over the likelihood of a referral of Scottish & Newcastle's proposed £425 million acquisition of Courage to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is mounting.

Scottish & Newcastle's purchase of Courage from Foster's Brewing of Australia would create Britain's largest brewing combine with a claimed market share of around 25 per cent, some 2 per cent above Bass.

City analysts argue that the amalgam would actually give S&N/Courage a market share of 30 per cent, possibly more. Earlier this year Ted Kunkel, Foster's chief executive, declared that Courage had "increased volumes by 2.4 per cent and market share to 19.3 per cent". Warburg Securities, broker to Scottish & Newcastle, estimated last autumn that Courage's market share amounted to 20 per cent, with S&N's share put at 12 per cent, indicating a combined share of 32 per cent.

Analysts believe that by referring to a combined market share of "UK beer consumption" S&N is expanding the market definition to include personal imports, namely beer sold outside the UK but *consumed* in the UK. These total some 1.5 million barrels, effectively inflating the size of the market by more than 4 per cent.

Camelot faces protests over runaway profit

By Jon Ashworth

CAMELOT GROUP, the National Lottery operator, is bracing itself for a storm of protest when its maiden set of financial results is published early next month.

This first complete snapshot of Camelot's financial affairs will show that profits in the year to March 31 have raced far ahead of expectations on the back of huge public interest in the National Lottery.

The sum paid to Camelot to cover operating costs and profits is thought to have reached nearly £90 million in the first 20 weeks alone — far higher than projections suggested. Camelot will earn an average of 5 per cent of sales over the seven-year term of its licence, but a skew towards higher earnings in the early stages means that the figure is running at closer to 9 per cent. The five members of the Camelot consortium — Cadbury Schweppes, GTECH, Racal, De La Rue, and ICL — are expected to share a pre-tax profit of £15 million to £20 million in the first financial year, once operating costs have been stripped out.

Camelot is under no obligation to disclose its earnings, but has decided to do so in the interests of good governance.

Tim Holley, the chief executive, is expected to emerge as the highest-paid director, on a basic salary of £240,000. Lottery sales in the 20 weeks to March 31 reached an estimated £1 billion.

The disclosures will fuel the debate over whether Camelot is being paid too much for its services. Richard Branson's rival UK Lottery Foundation had pledged to donate profits to charity, and the decision to award the National Lottery licence to a commercial operator sparked widespread controversy.

Camelot will point to huge start-up costs of more than £100 million and will argue that immense sums were at stake if it failed to meet the November 19 launch date. Camelot faced a fine of £1 million for every day over the deadline. A delay of more than a week would have forced Camelot to put the launch back to mid-February 1995 to avoid clashing with Christmas, resulting in a potential £90 million fine.

Camelot also faces a draconian penalty if its licence is revoked before the seven-year term is up. The penalty would be 2.5 per cent of the previous year's turnover, which, on current estimates of £5 billion in sales a year, would mean a £125 million fine. Camelot will claim that the ongoing financial risk justifies its earnings.

Ticket sales are averaging £105 million a week, making the UK's lottery the largest in the world, ahead of Spain's and Japan's. Punters are spending £62 million to £63 million a week on the on-line game, and a further £43 million to £44 million on instant games. Total ticket sales have reached £1.8 billion. Camelot had expected it to take at least two years to reach these levels.

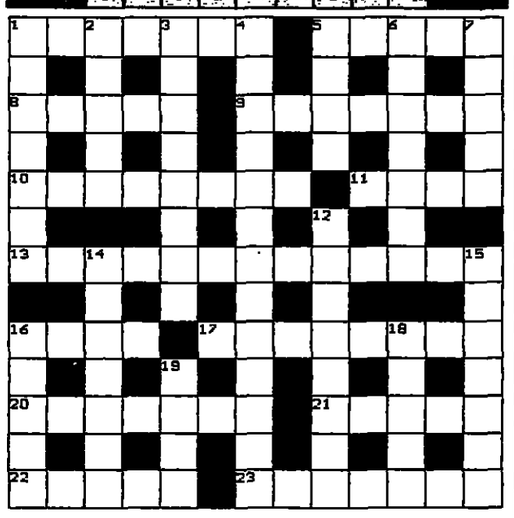
Camelot expects to lose some business to rival lottery ventures, including the revamped NHS Lotto, which is currently advertising heavily on television. Scratch-n-Win, an instant game venture backed by Inter Lotto of America, has signed up more than 5,000 outlets and sold two million scratch cards in three weeks. Scratch-n-Win is being distributed through Nurdin & Peacock, the cash-and-carry wholesaler, and WH Smith's wholesale newspaper distribution arm, which has access to Tesco, John Menzies and other high street chains. The cards will also be sold in pubs in London and the South East.

Sales of Camelot's instant games have hit £300 million in two months. By the end of last week, 109 people had won the £50,000 Instants jackpot, and 12 had won the £25,000 top prize on the second game in the series, Cash Roulette. Camelot plans to introduce new games on a rolling basis as old stock is used up.



Tim Holley is expected to emerge as Camelot's highest-paid director, on £240,000

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1 Joins (two ropes) (7)
5 Gem surface (5)
8 Happen again (5)
9 Close (session); put off (7)
10 Creator spirit (8)
11 Cheap and nasty (4)
13 Speak authoritatively (5,4,3,3)
16 System of worship, devotion (4)
17 Honorary (professor, retired) (8)
20 Cause of indisposition (7)
21 Willow (twig for basket) (5)
22 Power (5)
23 Giving assistance (7)

DOWN

1 German baked pastry (7)
2 Professional stand-in (5)
3 Heavy ribbed fabric (8)
4 Exchange of insults (8,5)
5 Mountain, a symbol of Japan (4)
6 Pivotal (7)
7 Slight addition, colour (5)
12 Carbon fuel; shade of grey (8)
14 It is burnt, eaten at Christmas (4-3)
15 A spendthrift (7)
16 Allure; spell (5)
18 Robber (5)
19 Maintained; continued (4)

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Murdoch to seek local partners if Italian TV deal goes ahead

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

RUPERT MURDOCH, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, would seek local partners for the purchase of Silvio Berlusconi's television networks in Italy if the deal were to go ahead.

Speaking on BBC2's *Money Programme* last night, Mr Murdoch said that tentative estimates of the value of the Berlusconi deal were in the order of $2 billion. He added that he did not know yet whether any such deal would be done through News International, the European subsidiary of News Corp and parent company of *The Times*, or through BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International.

"If it comes off, and Mr Berlusconi agrees to sell, we'll be looking for Italian partners as the first priority", he said.

Mr Murdoch said that he would also be interested in buying CNN, the worldwide cable television news service controlled by Ted Turner "if it was for sale".

He added that he did not expect to see any visible results from News Corp's recent alliance with the American telephone company MCI in the near future. "I think that it's several years, five years, before you see the completion of the fibre-optic network in America; and in Britain and in Europe that's at least 15 years away," he said.

Referring to his British interests, Mr Murdoch said he had not wanted New Century Television, a consortium in which BSkyB holds a major interest, to bid for the licence for Channel 5, Britain's fifth terrestrial television station. In the Channel 5 bidding round, which closed on May 2, New Century Television submitted a bid of £2 million — £22 million less than City expectations and £34 million below the highest bid.

Mr Murdoch described the £2 million figure as a "grudging compromise".

He added: "I said we shouldn't really bid; that was my feeling. But the management were very keen on bidding ... this is just a matter of commercial judgment. I think it's going to be very, very hard for Channel 5 to be commercially successful."

He denied he had encouraged New Century Television to under-bid as a result of pressure from the Government on him not to expand his British media interests.

Commenting on the Government's forthcoming White Paper on cross-media ownership, expected to be published this week, Mr Murdoch said he was not worried about suggestions of a 15 per cent ceiling on ownership of the media market.

"Our media empire in Britain was recently shown, I think, to own 10 per cent of the media in Britain or 10.8 per cent or something", he said.

He emphasised that it was "not possible" for one player to dominate the world media market.

Mr Murdoch said that the Editors of *The Times* and its sister paper, *The Sunday Times*, would decide who to support at the next General Election.

But he added that he would have some input into the decision of which party *The Sun*, another News International title, would back.

In Mr Murdoch's words: "We'll have to find out what the difference is between Mr Blair and Mr Major before we make that decision ... right now, from this distance, it's rather confusing."

ICI raises bid for Grow

By Eric Reguly

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries is likely to learn today whether the increased bid it submitted over the weekend for Grow Group, the American paintmaker, was enough to beat an offer from its arch-rival, Sherwin-Williams.

ICI, led by Sir Ronald Hampel, the chairman, would not disclose the value of its new bid. Its previous offer was $17.50 a share for the 25 per cent stake held by Corimon, a Venezuelan company, and $18.10 a share for the remainder, valuing Grow Group at about $290 million. Sherwin-Williams topped ICI with a bid worth $19.50 a share, for a total valuation of $320 million.

Grow, with annual sales of about $500 million, is a medium-sized player in the house paint market. If ICI wins Grow, its 150 stores would be added to ICI's 450 Glidden paint stores in the US. Total sales of the enlarged group, which would be based in Ohio, would be $1.5 billion.



Hampel: facing rival

ICI said that Grow would be a good fit because most of its outlets are in the south and in the west, areas of weakness for Glidden, whose strength is in the mid-west.

Grow put itself up for sale because it does not know whether it can survive as an independent company. Industry margins are tight because of strong competition and high raw material prices. Furthermore, Grow stretched itself financially when it bought Sinclair, a Californian paintmaker, for $100 million.

Grow recently reported a third-quarter loss of $868,000, against a profit of $1.28 million in the same period a year ago.

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